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PITTSBURGH APPOINTERS CONFIRMED.—A rumor prevailed in the city yesterday that the United States Senate has confirmed the appointment of General Thomas A. Rowley, to be Marshal of the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Ferdinand E. Volz to be Collector of Internal Revenue in the Twenty-second Pennsylvania District.

The Way the Wind Blows.

That infallible indicator of the drift of public opinion in England—the weathercock *Times*—has at last come squarely out in favor of Radical Reform. As in 1830 and 1831, that unquestionably influential journal has recently passed through its various phases of bitter opposition, mild deprecation, cold approval and lukewarm advocacy of the Reform question, before taking its present decided stand. It would not now be so outspoken and uncompromising as it is did it not feel that the movement was irresistible and overwhelming. No more gratifying assurance of the ultimate triumph of the people, in their ever-renewed struggle for political liberty, could be given.

Bribery an Appendage to Legislation.

The *Round Table* says: "In city governments, state legislatures, and the national Congress bribery is becoming one of the invariable appendages to legislation. It is of that class of crimes which are most easily concealed, because only those who participate in it need know of its commission. Its traces may be visible and its existence beyond doubt, with no possibility of obtaining distinct proof. Scarcely any one violation of law involves more absolute guilt than this. It embraces cheating, theft, falsehood, perjury, and not unfrequently moral treason; for the officer who corruptly sells his vote, and thus betrays the public to which it belongs, is guilty of all these. Yet probably no whiter passes without witnessing its prevalence, to a greater or less extent, in every State capital, as well as at Washington."

INCREDIBLE CREDULITY.—The history of the unfortunate American colony located at Jaffa is one of the most marvellous and unaccountable instances of human credulity on record. That a whole ship load of seemingly intelligent natives of New England could have been victimized by such a barefaced swindle, as that successfully practiced on them by a disreputable ex-Mormon like J. G. Adams, seems incredible; yet they seem to have been deceived as easily as a parcel of children are led astay with regard to the composition of the moon. This fellow Adams, however, seems to have gone too far. He is said to have become a regular drunkard, and when the whiskey was in and the wits out has boasted of his own rascality and defied his deluded followers to obtain redress. Some of the bolder among them—impelled by destitution and despair—finally did appeal to the Consul General of the United States at Jerusalem, who took the case in hand, and required Adams to settle with the colonists by a certain date. The time came and went and no settlement was arranged. Meanwhile, Adams and some dozen of his confederates secretly went to Jerusalem and made application to take the Turkish oath of allegiance, become subjects of the Sultan, and, as such, place themselves beyond the jurisdiction of American authority. Before their request was granted the Consul heard of the movement, and applied to the Pacha for their arrest and delivery into his custody, which application was immediately granted. A two days imprisonment brought Adams to terms, and he promised to make restitution. It would be gratifying to see such a reckless, hardened rogue appropriately punished, but we cannot feel much sympathy for the colonists, badly as they have been used. If people deliberately make such unmitigated fools of themselves, as they have done, they deserve to suffer.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MURDERS.

Acquittal of "Babe" Montgomery, Charged with the Murder of R. W. Dinsmore—Fogler Sentenced to Death—The Trial of Lennox.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, PA., March 9d, 1867.

THE TRIAL OF BABE MONTGOMERY.

The week that has just past has been one of unusual excitement in our town, caused by the trial of William ("Babe") Montgomery for the murder of Robert W. Dinsmore. The trial commenced on Monday, the 25th day of February, at one o'clock P. M., and the case did not go to the jury until Saturday, the 2d of March, at 8 o'clock P. M. The prisoner was defended by William McKennan, David Wilson, Alex. Wilson, George Hart, Freeman Brady and R. F. Gibson, Esqs., while on behalf of the prosecution appeared District Attorney Crumrine, H. J. Van Kirk, and N. P. Fetterman, Esqs. Each day, from the commencement of the trial to its close, our spacious court room has been densely crowded by people, many of them from a distance, anxious to hear and to see. The efforts of the defense were mainly directed to the proving of an *alibi*, and how well they succeeded the verdict will show.

FOGLER REFUSED TO TESTIFY.

On Thursday morning, by request of the counsel for the prosecution, Robert Fogler was brought into court, and after receiving a very feeling admonition from Judge Acheson, in which he told him that he did not expect to see him but once again, and that was when he would be brought before him to receive the sentence of death; that he had nothing to hope for in this world, but that in his opinion it would go a great way toward making his peace with his God, if he would tell them and there testify to the whole truth about the murder. Although there was scarcely a dry eye in the court room, Fogler received the address with a disdainful smile on his face, and refused to testify.

FOGLER SENTENCED TO BE HUNG.

He was taken back to his old quarters, and at one o'clock P. M. he was again brought into Court, and received the sentence of death with an unmoved countenance. Immediately after the passage of the sentence, James K. Kuth, Esq., came before the Court and asked for a record, and gave notice that he would carry Fogler's case to the Supreme Court on a writ of error.

MONTGOMERY "NOT GUILTY."

As I have before stated, the case of Montgomery went to the jury at eight o'clock P. M. on Saturday. A few minutes before eleven o'clock P. M., on the same evening, the jury brought in a verdict of *Not Guilty*. As soon as the verdict was known quite a demonstration of rejoicing was made by Montgomery's friends, who thronged the Court room at that late hour.

THE LENNOX CASE.

The case of John Lennox, owing to the length of Fogler's and Montgomery's trials, has been postponed until next Court. J. S. S.

Two Suggestions.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

As the selection of a site for the proposed new Postoffice is a matter of considerable interest at present, permit me to suggest for the consideration of the authorities upon whom the choice depends the corners of Sixth and Smithfield. Either corner, I presume, would be well adapted for the purpose, but especially the northeast corner, the site of the German church. The size of the lot is, I judge, 120 feet square, and is admirably designed as a location for the Postoffice by being bounded on three sides by two streets and an alley. I think it has peculiar advantages over the other sites which have been mentioned in your journal. As the current of travel and business is now towards Smithfield street, it would be a very violent change of that current to locate the Postoffice below that street. The location I have suggested is undoubtedly the most central in the city. It is easy and convenient of access by the people south of the river crossing the Birmingham bridge and traversing Grant street, and crossing the Monongahela river traversing Smithfield street; by the people from the upper wards of the city and Minersville by way of Wylie and High streets; by the people of the Fifth and Ninth wards, Lawrenceville, and the railroads by way of Grant and Smithfield streets; and upon the completion of the new bridge across the Allegheny at the foot of Irwin street, and the layingof the passenger railway over that bridge, by the people of Allegheny, by way of Irwin street.

This subject suggests one other for the consideration of the city authorities—the extension of Sixth street from Wylie to Wylie. Wylie and Sixth are now connected by means of High street, but the connection is very indirect, and the direct narrow and disagreeable. The extension of Sixth, as I suggest, would intersect Wylie at the corner of Tunnel, and could be accomplished at a comparatively small expense, there not being on the proposed line of extension any valuable improvements. The erection of the new bridge across the Allegheny and that extension would make a splendid thoroughfare from Allegheny through the heart of the city to Minersville and the country beyond.

This extension would be a great public improvement, the expense of which would no doubt be willingly paid by the property holders in the immediate neighborhood. The improvement would be still greater by the extension of Sixth street to Pennsylvania avenue. Having a much easier grade than Fifth street, it would be a much finer thoroughfare. I suggest the bare ideas only and leave details for the future. ENTERPRISE.

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THE CAPITAL.

Adjournment of 39th Congress.

Immediate Organization of 40th Congress

Benj. Wade President of Senate.

Schuyler Colfax Re-Elected Speaker of House.

Valedictory and Inaugural Remarks.

An Interesting Historical Fact.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1867.

Last Hours of the Senate.

The Senate spent most of last night, until the hour of its adjournment, at two A. M., in executive session. The halls outside were thronged with anxious ones, whose fate was being decided within, and notes of inquiry were constantly passing from them to their Senatorial friends in the secret session. Soon after midnight the crowd began to decrease in size. The Senate had by this time got to work in earnest. Most of the discussion in particular cases had ceased, and the voting had commenced. It was easy to tell from the countenance of any individual as he walked off what had been his luck.

Retirement of President Foster.

Shortly after two a recess until nine was taken. The Senate then reassembled, and after a little legislative business of an unimportant character, Mr. Foster took leave of the Chair he had filled to the satisfaction of everybody for two years. His valedictory speech was short, but impressive in its wording and manner of delivery, and many of those to whom it was addressed, who had been intimate with him during his twelve years of service, were moved to tears as they heard him pronounce his last, "God bless the Senate of the United States."

Inauguration of President Wade.

Ben. Wade was soon ready for induction to the Chair. He was a little scared, however, in finding himself in a seat which he had never been called upon to fill even for five minutes in the sixteen years he has been a Senator. He is one of a very few Senators who have never been called temporary to the Chair, because they would never go. About an hour before his inauguration, a friend asked him how he felt with the honor about to be conferred upon him. Hem replied that he had what they call out west, "the buck fever," which he described as a shaking sensation, apt to come upon a man when he encounters his first buck in the forest. His inaugural was composed of about fifty words of thanks for the honor bestowed on him, and the hope that his defective parliamentary experience would be overlooked.

The first bill he was called upon to sign was one in relation to the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington, and as he put his name to it he whispered that it was a pretty good beginning.

Executive Session.

Soon after the election of Mr. Wade, an Executive Session was held, lasting until twelve o'clock. The doors were still closed and the nomination of General W. F. Bartlett, as Minister to Stockholm, was under consideration. He was about to be confirmed, when some one called for the yeas and nays. While the clerk was calling the roll, the hour of twelve arrived and Mr. Wade declared the Thirty-ninth Congress adjourned. Probably no nomination ever failed under precisely such circumstances before.

Organization of New Senate.

The doors were reopened soon after, and the organization of the new Senate commenced. The new Senators were escorted to the Chair by their colleagues, and took the oath of office. There was an exception in the case of Mr. Cole, of California, between whom and his colleague, Mr. Conness, there is some unfriendly feeling, the result of which was, that he had to walk up to the iron-clad oath without support. The usual motions of organization were made, and the Senate adjourned at one o'clock.

A Brilliant Assembly.

The last meeting of the Thirty-Ninth Congress commenced at nine o'clock this morning, and ended at twelve o'clock. The hammer of the presiding officers of the two Houses had hardly fallen on the Thirty-Ninth Congress before the Fortieth Congress was rapped to order. It is doubtful if a larger or more brilliant attendance of people was ever witnessed on any other occasion within the capitol buildings. The vast rotunda, as well as the spacious galleries and corridors of both houses, were crowded beyond precedent. It was impossible for the officers of the two houses at one time to communicate with each other, when the President's private secretary just before twelve o'clock had to deliver to the House the messages in writing announcing the signing of bills.

The floors of the Senate and the House were opened on this extraordinary occasion to the ladies, and they filled nearly all of the members' seats and the spaces without the bar. On the floor of the House alone a thousand ladies and gentlemen remained standing for two hours to witness the proceedings. It was not the inauguration of new men as officers of the House or anything unusual in the formula of organizing a new Congress, that attracted the assembled thousands, and added great interest to the occasion, but it was more in the historical fact of being able to see one Congress expire and another Congress immediately take its place.

Organization of House.

In the House, as was expected, Mr. Colfax was re-elected Speaker, and the great compliment paid to Colonel McPherson of re-electing him Clerk.

A Protest.

The protest of the Democrats against the organization of the Fortieth Congress with seventeen States unrepresented, created something of a sensation.

An Attraction.

John Morrissey was the center of great attraction, and when the clerks called the roll thousands would rise in their seats to get a glimpse of him.

Confirmations and Rejections.

The Senate to-day confirmed Mr. Gillmore as Postmaster at Chicago, and rejected Col. Taylor as Postmaster at Cincinnati. The nomination of Col. Langdon, as Assessor at Cincinnati, was laid on the table by the Senate, which is equivalent to rejection.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1867.

THE PRESIDENT'S OBJECTIONS TO THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The following is the message of the President concerning the army bill:

To the House of Representatives: The act entitled an act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year ending June 30th, 1868, and for other purposes contains provisions to which I must call attention. These provisions are contained in the second section, which in certain cases virtually deprives the President of his constitutional functions as Commander-in-chief of the army, and in the sixth section which deny to the States of the Union their constitutional right to protect themselves in any emergency by means of their militia. These provisions are out of place in an appropriation act. I am compelled to defeat the necessary appropriations if I withhold my signature from the bill. Pressed by those circumstances, I feel constrained to return the bill to you for your solemn action to-day, trusting to be creating a President of the United States. I protest, therefore, in the full solemnity of the occasion; I protest before my country, and in the presence of the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Ashley, who is to be the leader in this resolution; I protest most solemnly against taking any further steps toward the organization of this House until all the States are fully represented.

MR. BROOKS then read the following protest:

Whereas, it appears by the records just made that the following States, seventeen in number, are not now represented upon the floors of this House, viz: The States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, California, Kansas and Nebraska, States entitled by the act of Congress of March 4th, 1862, and subsequent acts, to Representatives in Congress, as follows: New Hampshire, 3; Rhode Island, 3; Connecticut, 4; Virginia, 8; North Carolina, 7; South Carolina, 4; Georgia, 7; Florida, 1; Alabama, 6; Mississippi, 5; Louisiana, 5; Texas, 4; Tennessee, 8; Kentucky, 9; California, 3; Arkansas, 3; Nebraska, 1—in all eighty-six congressional Districts now unrepresented on the floor of the House; and whereas, of these unrepresented States seven are of the original thirteen that in 1787 formed the Union and created the Constitution of the United States,—New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, the majority of the original States; therefore, we, members elect of the Fortieth Congress, do now enter our most solemn protest against any and every action tending to the reorganization of this House until the absent States be more fully represented.

[Signed]

JAS. BROOKS, New York.
WM. HOLMAN, Indiana.
W. E. NIBLACK, Indiana.
CHAS. E. ELDRIDGE, Wisconsin.
P. VAN TRUMP, Ohio.
A. G. GLOSSBRENNER, Penna.
J. M. HUMPHREYS, New York.
M. C. KERR, Indiana.
STEPHEN TABER, New York.
D. M. VANAKEN, Pennsylvania.
LEWIS W. ROSS, Illinois.
A. S. MARSHALL, Illinois.
F. WOOD, New York.
L. GETZ, Pennsylvania.
W. E. ROBINSON, New York.
DEMAS BARNES, New York.
JOHN FOX, New York.
ALBERT G. RUER, Illinois.
JOHN MORRISSEY, New York.
E. STONE, Maryland.
GEO. W. MORGAN, Ohio.
CHAS. SITZGRAVES, New Jersey.
B. F. BOYER, Pennsylvania.
E. MCCULLOUGH, Maryland.
CHAS. DENISON, Pennsylvania.
STEPHEN ARCHER, Maryland.
T. E. NOELL, Missouri.
W. MUNGEN, Ohio.
CHAS. HAIGHT, New Jersey.
JOHN W. HAVENER, New York.
J. V. L. PRUYN, New York.

CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUDS.

Reprehensible Conduct of Collector Smythe—Senators Doolittle and Patterson in the "Rake."

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Committee on alleged frauds in the New York Custom House report the most reprehensible conduct on the part of the present Collector, Mr. Smythe. There appears to have been established what was called a general order business, which Mr. Smythe sold out, and that Peter A. Van Bergen, George F. Thompson, Senators Doolittle and Patterson, and a Mrs. Perry had interests in the business. Mr. Smythe informed Mr. Humphrey that he had obtained $40,000 per annum from this business from Messrs. Miller & Conger. On Mr. Humphrey's remonstrance against being trifled with in this manner, Mr. Smythe coolly offered a gratuity of $3,000 out of this. It was shown that the $40,000 was divided as follows: G. F. Thompson, late of the *News*, $5,000; Senators Doolittle and Patterson, $5,000 each; Embree, Deputy Collector, $2,000; Humphrey, and by him at once rejected, $3,000; Brown, Private Secretary of the Collector, and by him rejected, $2,000; Political Fund, $10,000; Mrs. Perry, known as a Washington woman, $5,000; Berger, $5,000. This makes up the $40,000 so as to correspond technically with Smythe's oft reiterated assertion that he was not to have a dollar of it. This showing, however, left him quite without of the $10,000 political fund. The report also exposes an existing systematized and protected extortion.

Suicide.

LOUISVILLE, March 3.—Patrick H. Myers, chief Clerk of the National Hotel, formerly of Utica New York, drowned himself this morning while laboring under temporary mental aberration.

CONGRESS.

Closing Hours of the Session.

Valedictories of Messrs. Foster and Colfax.

Meeting of the Fortieth Congress.

Mr. Wade President Pro Tem. of Senate.

Mr. Colfax Re-Elected to Speakership.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1867.

SENATE.

At half past one the Senate reopened its doors. Mr. SHERMAN called up his bill providing that the act of this session to increase the duty on wool shall go into effect in ten days after its passage. It was amended by striking out ten days and inserting five, and passed.

At 2 o'clock a recess was taken until 9.

On reassembling, some District of Columbia business was transacted.

The Conference Committee on the joint resolution to facilitate the settlement of accounts of disbursing officers made a report. Agreed to. The bill as agreed to was passed by the Senate.

The joint resolution for the reduction of the military reservation at Fort Riley, and a grant of land for bridge purposes in the State of Kansas, was passed.

At 5:20 President FOSTER rose and delivered his valedictory remarks, whereupon he vacated the chair, and Secretary Forney assumed the duties of presiding officer.

On motion of Mr. ANTHONY, the Senate proceeded to elect a President *pro tem.*

Mr. WADE was chosen, and escorted to the chair, returning thanks for the honor.

The Secretary was directed to inform the President and House of Mr. WADE'S election.

Mr. ANTHONY paid an eloquent tribute in a vote of thanks to Mr. Foster.

Mr. TRUMBULL, in a few remarks said a great many loyal men of the Border States were opposed to the payment contained in the original act. Secessionists were applying for payment, and if the act was kept in force many of them would be paid. They were ready to make affidavit of their loyalty if necessary. He read a letter to this effect from a Kentucky gentleman.

Mr. DAVIS called for the name of the author.

Mr. TRUMBULL said it was written by Mr. Mallire, and indorsed by Hon. Samuel McKee of the other House.

Mr. DAVIS said neither the writer nor the indorser was entitled to the least credit or confidence.

Mr. TRUMBULL rose to call Mr. Davis to order for interfering in this manner to a member of the House, but Mr. HARRIS moved an executive session, and the doors were closed for executive business.

When 12 o'clock arrived, the Senate was still in executive session. The doors were not opened until 12:15 o'clock. The Thirty-ninth Congress was then declared by the presiding officer adjourned *sine die.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House resumed its session at nine o'clock.

The Senate bill releasing to W. H. Webb the iron-clad ship Dunderberg on his refunding the amount the Government paid him on account of his contract was passed.

A variety of unimportant business was disposed of.

Senate bill to provide for the exchange of certain public documents between the Government of the United States and foreign Governments was passed.

Senate bill for the relief of Samuel M. Beatty, of Ohio, for service as Chaplain of the United States Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, was passed.

Senate bill in reference to court martial in the Navy was indefinitely postponed.

Senate bill to amend the act of July 27th, 1866, for the removal of causes in certain cases from State courts was passed.

Mr. KASSON, from the committee of Conference on the bill to facilitate auditing of accounts o disbursing officers, made a report, which was agreed to.

The Senate bill to amend certain acts relative to the Navy was amended somewhat in details, and passed.

Senate joint resolution of thanks to Cyrus W. Field was passed.

Senate bill authorizing G. V. Fox and the officers of the Miantonomah and Augusta to accept presents tendered them by the Emperor of Russia, and Senate joint resolution thanking the Chamber of Senators and Deputies of Brazil for condolence on the occasion of the death of President Lincoln, were passed.

The Conference Committee on the Indian Bureau bill reported that they were unable to agree and were discharged.

Senate bill relating to brevets in the army was passed.

Senate bill making additional appropriations for the representation of American industry at the Paris Exposition, as modified by a provision that commissioners shall serve without compensation, and reducing the appropriation from $100,000 to $50,000, and passed.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, from the Select Committee on the murder of Union soldiers in South Carolina, made a special report, which was laid on the table and ordered printed.

FRANCIS THOMAS, from the Judiciary Committee, made a report on the testimony taken in investigation into freedmen's affairs in Maryland. Placed in custody of the Clerk of the House, to be submitted to the Fortieth Congress.

On motion of Mr. MAYNARD, authority was given the Chairmen of all Committees to pursue the same course.

Mr. STRATTON offered a resolution to add to the Joint Committee on Retrenchment. Adopted.

Mr. HART, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, presented the evidence taken in regard to the Indian Superintendence in Colorado. Laid on the table and ordered printed.

Mr. SCHENCK, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of Elias Bedle, Eighth Ohio Infantry. Passed.

On motion of Mr. DAWES, a Committee was appointed to wait on the President and inform him that the Thirty-ninth Congress was ready to adjourn.

The hour of noon arrived, and the SPEAKER rising, delivered his parting address.

The remarks of the Speaker were delivered with great effect, and listened to with intense attention. When he closed, he declared the Thirty-ninth Congress adjourned without day, and vacated the Chair. He was enthusiastically applauded.

FORTIETH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 12:20 by Mr. WADE, President *pro tem.*

After prayer by the Chaplain, the first business in order was declared to be the qualification of new Senators. They were sworn in in the following order:

Cameron, Corbett, Conkling, Harlan, Davis, Drake, Howe, Morton, Morrill, Nye, Patterson, Pomeroy, Ramsey and Trumbull.

The Clerk called Thomas Swann, but he was not present to respond.

Mr. TRUMBULL presented the credentials of the Senators from Nebraska, John M. Thayer and T. W. Tipton, who were sworn in as Senators from Nebraska.

On motion of Mr. TRUMBULL, the Senate proceeded to classify the Senators from Nebraska. Mr. Thayer drew Class No. 2, and goes out in 1871; Mr. Tipton drew Class No. 1, going out in 1874.

It was ordered that the hour of meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. TRUMBULL, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Trumbull and Buckalew, was appointed to wait on the President and inquire if he had any communication to make.

The Senate ordered the Secretary of the Senate to inform the House that the Senate was ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. TRUMBULL, the Senate, at one o'clock, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

After the confusion had subsided, Mr. McPherson, clerk of the House of the Thirty-ninth Congress, called the roll.

During the call of the roll, the representatives from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Indiana and Kentucky did not respond.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, moved to proceed to the election of speaker.

Mr. BROOKS arose, and after a speech in which he denounced the organization of the House in the absence of seventeen States as a revolutionary proceeding, he presented a written protest against it on the part of the minority.

The protest was not received, and the House proceeded to the election of Speaker.

Mr. COLFAX was elected, and on taking the chair he spoke as follows:

GENTLEMEN: Elected for the third time to this responsible and trying position, I appreciate more than ever before the importance of the trust, and realize more than ever upon entering on its duty the absolute necessity of your confidence and support. Nor do I overrate the gravity of our position as Americans and legislators. The years have never dropped their sands on mortal issue so vast and grand as ours to-day. A nation decimated by the conflict of fraternal strife; a land desolated by the destructive marches of hostile armies; a people with the fruits of prolonged wars ripened into a harvest of hearts dead with the bullet, as well as hearts heavy with bereavements, and broken with anguish, look anxiously from the North and South alike, and by that light should we walk. It is to guide our steps. By the justice of God and rights of men, it is to banish all malice and revenge, and to justify our faith by our works; it is to anchor our legislation on what the great commoner of England, John Bright, declares to be the simple but sublime principles on which great nations should be settled, the basis of eternal rights; it is to write on our banner these words, that will shine brighter than the stars which gem the firmament, "Liberty, loyalty and law;" it is so to make history that posterity shall rise up and call us blessed.

The Congress which has just passed away has written a record that will be long remembered by the poor and friendless, whom it did not forget. Misrepresented or misunderstood by those who denounced us as cranks; harshly and unjustified criticized by those who should have been its friends, it proved itself to be more faithful to human progress and liberty than any of its predecessors. The outraged and oppressed found in these Congressional Halls champions and friends. Its key-note of policy was protection to the down-trodden. It quailed not before the mightiest, nor neglected not the obscurest; it lifted the slave, whom the nation had freed, to the full stature of manhood; it placed on our statute books the Civil Rights Bill as our National *Magna Charta*, grander than all the enactments that honor the American code, and in all regions whose civil Government had been destroyed by a vanquished rebellion, it declared as a guaranty of defense to the weakest that a freeman's hands should wield a freman's ballot; it proclaimed there could be no safe or loyal reconstruction on a foundation of unrepentant rebels' disloyalty.

Fortunate it will be for us if, when we surrender these seats to our successors, we can point to a record which will show on our history's page like that of the Congress which has just expired; thrice fortunate if, when we leave this Capital, our whole national structure shall be permanently restored, resting on the sure foundation stones of loyalty, unity, liberty and right.

With such convictions of duty, I come to this chair to administer your rules; but not as a partizan I appeal to you for that generous support by which alone a presiding officer can be sustained, pledging you in return an inflexible impartiality, which shall be proven by my deeds. Invoking on your deliberations the favor of Him who holds the destinies of the nation in the palm of His hand, I am now ready to take the oath of office prescribed by law.

The SPEAKER was solemnly sworn into office by Mr. DAWES, the member having the longest continued in service, and then the Speaker proceeded to administer the oath to members by States.

The House, by a resolution, elected Edward McPherson Clerk.

The SPEAKER announced that the President had signed the bill in reference to wool and woolens; also, the army appropriation bill, with a protest. The President's message on the same subject was read and laid on the table.

The House adjourned at two o'clock.

FROM HAVANA.

Fight in the Streets of Maracaibo—Gen. Casso Killed.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The steamer Moro Castle, from Havana, February 26th, has arrived. News important.

Advices from Venezuela state that Maracaibo had been the scene of another revolutionary movement. General Casso, with four hundred men, attempted to surprise the place, and a determined fight took place in the streets with the forces of the State of Truxillo. He was killed and his men dispersed.

The troubles in Carabobo are about to be amicably arranged, for which purpose a provisional government has been formed.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—The recent storm was the severest of the season. It extended throughout the entire Pacific coast. There has been no stage communication across the Sierra Nevada mountains for two weeks.

The ship Rival, from Philadelphia, arrived last night.

Died from His Injuries.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 3.—Thos. Irons, for a long time clerk in the Western Union Telegraph office in this city, died last night from injuries received by a fall in the telegraph office on Friday.

STATE ITEMS.

Irvin Rutledge, Esq., has been appointed Coroner of Cambria county, the successful Democratic candidate last fall having failed to comply with the law regarding the acceptance of the office.

An old man named Thomas O'Brian, residing near Munster, Cambria county, was robbed in his own house, by five men, on Thursday night of last week, of notes and coin to the amount of $700. The scoundrels tied him and two other inmates of the house and then decamped.

Steel rails are now being successfully rolled at the Cambria Iron Works, Johnstown.

One hundred and two persons have professed conversion since the commencement of the revival in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Johnstown.

Chandler Persons and Alexander Johnson were severely injured Wednesday afternoon, by the explosion of a well on the Foster Farm, Venango county. They were standing sixty feet distant from the well when it exploded, and were thrown down and badly burned. The explosion caused several Sand-slides on the Oil Creek Railroad.

The City Council of Meadville have dispensed with their police force, for the reason it had nothing to do.

Samuel Lemon, prominently identified with the development of the Allegheny coal region, died in Hollidaysburg on the 25th ult., in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

Mrs. Smith, of Pithole, who ran away with Ben Rogers, a few days ago, creating a first class sensation, has returned to her husband.

The following Pennsylvania appointments have been confirmed by the Senate: Stephen H. Evans, Postmaster at Tidioute; L. H. Loth, Postmaster at Ashland; Peter McGough, Collector of the Twentieth District; F. B. Hubner, Assessor Eighth District; George W. Alexander, Assessor Eighth District.

The following nominations of Pennsylvanians have been rejected by the Senate: Postmasters—Jacob Salade, Williamsport; Henry Clerno, Hazleton; David Brewster, Montrose; Henry Quilliman, Norristown; James Walsh, Pittstown; Samuel L. Gulick, Danville; Elizabeth P. Humphreys, Coatsville; Jackson L. Kerlin, Media, Penn.; Assessors of Internal Revenue—Michael A. Frank, Nineteenth district; John F. Beisterling, Third district.

John K. Cochran and Orange S. Noble are candidates for Mayor of Erie.

A mass meeting was held in Oil City, on Wednesday, in favor of the removal of the county seat of Venango, from Franklin to that place. Speeches in favor of the proposition were made by Capt. J. B. Geggie, Isaac Ash, and Messrs. Converse, Jack and Zuver.

Two marriages took place at the Danforth House, Pithole, on Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by a civilian. The parties to one match are colored, and were pleased with the ceremony. The other parties are white, but are not so sure of the blinding effects of the wedding.

The liabilities of Lancaster county at the present time, for loans, according to the report of the Auditor just published, amount to $199,445 75. The receipts from all sources during the year 1866, were $116,173 10.

During the past year one hundred and fourteen students from all parts of the Union, have attended the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, and it is stated that about twice this number will be in attendance during 1867, under the new programme of labor and studies.

The Reading *Journal* says: Mr. John Fritz, Superintendent of the Bethlehem Rolling Mill, has just been offered by a similar establishment in Baltimore, a salary of $12,000 per annum to engage with them. He at present gets $6,000. To retain him, it is probable the Bethlehem Company will have to increase his salary considerably. This demonstrates to what importance a man can advance himself by competency in his vocation—$12,000 a year—$4 for each laboring hour.

WILLIS ON WEBSTER.—The biographical—or, more correctly speaking, memorial—papers on the late N. P. Willis, which are being published in the *Home Journal*, are interesting from the Boswellian minuteness and unscrupulous personality of detail in which the writer indulges. Private letters that were evidently intended only for the eye of the intimate friend to whom they were written, he publishes without hesitation, and thus many characteristics and idiosyncracies of Mr. Willis are brought to light which would otherwise have forever remained unrevealed. Some of these letters are very piquant in matter, while their manner is unique and inimitable, and the public at least have no fault to find with Mr. Lewis Phillips—this new Boswell—for the chance to read them that he offers. From one to General George P. Morris, dated at the time of Daniel Webster's death, and now given for the first time in the last number of the *Home Journal*, we make the following graphic extract:

"Webster is dead—news that both Satan and Gabriel will make some remark about, when they hear it. His life-cues have now been thirty-six hours looking *somewhere*—but what an event death is to such a spirit! I remember being struck with his wonderful look of superiority at Edinburgh (or rather on Arthur's Seat), as I stood near him, and the nobleman around him and I thought then that he seemed a sun-child satray on our little star. As to his going to Heaven, I would rather, on the whole, take our small chance—but we shall hear of him again. He has left an unfinished newspaper beyond the mahogany and silver mails. He will not stay dumb—nor blessed. In respectable obscurity."

This is a rare mingling of sincere eulogy on what was great in Webster, with almost reckless flippancy in regard to the future consequences of the terrible moral weaknesses that shadowed his whole life.

MADAME, THE DOCTOR.—Mrs. Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell delivered a lecture in New York the other night on the medical education of women, which is said to have been marked by an unusual amount of able illustration and cogent reasoning. She stated that in England, France and Germany women have been admitted to practice, while, in the two former, women's medical schools or colleges have been opened, and she claimed it as a duty incumbent on the United States not to be loss progressive than the slow conservative countries of Europe. Her arguments in favor of female medical treatment of the many and complicated maladies that female flesh is heir to, were unanswerable.

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK, A. M.

WASHINGTON.

The Bankrupt Bill a Law.

Tariff Bill Proposed by General Moorhead.

Its Friends Objected to Its Introduction.

The President will Send no Message to Congress.

Caucus Nominations for Officers of House

Impeachment Question to be Considered in Caucus.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.

The Bankrupt Bill a Law.

There were great fears entertained this morning that the President would not sign the Bankrupt bill, but they were removed a few minutes before noon by the announcement of the fact that he had approved it. A pamphlet edition of the law is to be immediately promulgated.

The Tariff.

Mr. Moorhead, of Pennsylvania, asked but failed to obtain leave in the House to-day to introduce the tariff bill, defeated in the Thirty-Ninth Congress. As the objection to its introduction came from tariff men, it is considered as significant of an indisposition to consider it at this session.

No Message.

A joint committee of the two Houses appointed to-day for that purpose, waited upon the President this afternoon, and informed him that the Fortieth Congress had organized, and was ready to receive any message he might be pleased to make. The President replied that he had no communication to send in. There will not, therefore, be any regular message, as is usual on convening a new Congress. The reason is apparent.

Virginia and Reconstruction.

Gov. Pierpont, of Virginia, was in town yesterday, and says that his State will soon call a State Convention under the new reconstruction bill just passed by Congress.

Officers of the House.

At the Republican caucus held to-night to nominate the remaining officers of the House, N. G. Ordway, of N. H., was renominated Sergeant-at-Arms, without opposition, and Col. W. S. Lippincott, who ran for Congress last fall on the Soldiers Union ticket, but was defeated by Ross, Democrat, was selected for Doorkeeper vice Ira Goodenow, of New York, who held that position for three Congresses. William S. King, of Minnesota, was nominated for Postmaster by one majority. He was postmaster of the 37th and 38th Congress.

The Impeachment Question.

A caucus was called for Wednesday night to decide whether the impeachment question be proceeded with, and thus prolong the session, or whether a recess of the Fortieth Congress should take place till fall.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Meetings in Georgia—Strong Feeling in Opposition to the Sherman Bill.

ATLANTA, March 4.—A public meeting was held to-day, to consider the condition of the country. There was a large attendance. Resolutions approving the terms of the Sherman bill and the course of Governor Brown were rejected. The meeting then divided, the minority approving Sherman's bill withdrawing, and will hold a meeting to-night. The majority organized a new meeting, passed resolutions counselling quiet submission to the bill, but characterizing it as harsh and unjust; expressing the approval of the noble course of President Johnson; asserting the honor and manliness of the Southern people, and declaring as the sense of the meeting that the freedom of the people must not be bartered away for the provisions of the Sherman bill. The resolutions recommend a convention of Southern States to take steps to test the constitutionality of the bill in the Supreme Court of the United States.

AUGUSTA, GA., March 4.—Meetings are being called to counteract the recommendation of Governor Brown. Public opinion is divided. Three-fourths of the papers are in favor of the acceptance, but the majority of the people are strongly opposed to it.

FROM BOSTON.

Feeling of Distrust in Financial Circles—The Newton Bank Defalcation.

BOSTON, March 4.—The *Evening Journal* says there is a general feeling of distrust on the street as regards the transactions of brokers and bankers, the recent failure having brought to light many facts of a startling character. Pride themselves on white hands and fair complexions; and especially provoking is it to that portion of our community known as counter-jumpers—and of small income and little outlay, of much hair and little brains, of limited stock of linen and great display of the same. With them a dazzling shirt-bosom displayed two days in the week, is secured by an elaborate starching of the remaining five—is the order of the day; while by persistent turning and wearing of both sides, they manage to make a paper collar do duty for about a fortnight. Nothing, with necessarily for a preceptor, has made them proficients in the art (for it amounts to nothing less) of keeping up appearances. While speaking of sooty matters, another black subject presents itself for discussing as it does in no gigantic and hideous proportions, at once arrests our attention. I refer to the

GAMBLING HELLS OF OUR CITY.

The hackneyed saying that "one-half the world does n't know how the other half lives"—finds ample illustration here. Not only are half our citizens ignorant of *half* the evils and vices which surround them, but criminally so, for despite the earnest efforts made every now and then by our local press to present these things in their true light, the *people*—the enlightened Christian majority—obstinately refuse to be educated up to that standard which would enable them to grapple these evils by the throat and summarily choke them out of existence. It is hardly a week since the *Commercial* exposed in detail a systematic, elaborate and fascinating swindle known as "Policy." Petty in its design, insignificant and unobtrusive, it has existed in our community for years

The Daily Commercial

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1867.

THE authorship of MR. JOHNSON'S veto of the Reconstruction Bill is attributed to JEREMIAH S. BLACK, who wrote the opinion backing up BUCHANAN in the position that the Government had no right to resist rebellion. It is entirely fitting that the man who was so conspicuous in his friendly offices at the birth of the rebellion, should reappear when the last nail was driven into its coffin.

THE New York Custom House investigation shows that Senators DOOLITTLE and PATTERSON were the recipients of $5,000 each from a fund corruptly raised for corrupt uses. PATTERSON is son-in-law of President JOHNSON, and the two appear to have held themselves very cheaply—for others received as much as $40,000. Nevertheless the sums they received were more than anybody else would give for them. The Custom House under Collector SMYTH turns out a sink of iniquity, as usual.

THE Legislature of Massachusetts is having a protracted labor over the Constitutional Amendment. Two reports have been made—the majority being against, the minority for the ratification. What would Massachusetts have? It is not the first time that she has been found working shoulder to shoulder with South Carolina.

IT is now reported, by a letter which we find in a Baltimore paper, that our American Church or Chapel has not been expelled from the city of Rome. Two Scotch Presbyterian congregations held in private houses have been declared irregular and suppressed by the authorities. This gave rise to the report, which was current both in Florence and Rome, that the American Chapel had been suppressed. To secure it from this treatment, which was apprehended, the American Minister thought it expedient to place the United States arms on the building. The writer of the above letter says our religious services are tolerated under protection of the Ambassador, but that the holding of them is contrary to the law of the Pope's dominions. He deprecates the withdrawal of the Embassy, since then the worship, now resorted to by large numbers, would be suppressed by the authorities.

THE SOUTH UNDER THE NEW REGIME.

The reconstruction law, just passed by Congress, may be considered the culmination of all the long series of deliberations, propositions, and policies on the subject for a year and a half past. In bringing the affair to this point, those who have assumed to speak and act for the people of the Southern States have had about as much agency and influence as the loyal people or their representatives in Congress. Their evasions, perversions and abuses of measures suggested by the clemency and forbearance of the Government demonstrated the necessity of more stringent methods of restoration. The violence, cruelty and injustice towards Union people within their reach, showed more protection for those to be indispensable. The menacing and insolent language used toward the loyal people of the North and the Government afforded corroborative evidence, if any were needed, of the bad treatment that loyal people, among them, received at their hands. All this tended inevitably to tighten the conditions of settlement, and we hope the enactment of the law by Congress and its approval by the loyal people will convince the most skeptical, that there is no use in attempting to trifle with, to cheat or to frighten the Union people from their purpose, cherished for six long and terrible years, to have the Union restored on the right basis.

And we think we have seen some indications of a cheerful acquiescence in this measure by the people of the Southern States. It has met with favor, in anticipation of its adoption, in several of the States—certainly in Virginia, Georgia and North Carolina. And we can readily see numerous reasons why it should be approved by the *people* of those States. The principal advantage to the general population—we mean the white population—will be, that it will free them from the domination of an aristocratic political "ring" who are, from inveterate habit, attached to a system of principles and measures that do not contemplate the political advantage of the great body of the people—we mean of the white people. All their political ideas and practices are permeated by slavery. Southern politics, in the general Government, have been invariably lubricated by this interest, while the interest of the non-slaveholding people of the South, who were the great majority, were constantly neglected. These old hacks of the slavery *regime* will be excused from further service by the new adjustment, and all the great mass of white people South should be grateful for the deliverance. A further advantage to the Southern States generally will be, that a new, fresh, honest race of public men will spring up. In Congress, for example, they will not have to keep their representatives for a life time, mainly to keep watch and guard over the slavery interest. They will have a succession of new men. And there is a third advantage, which no doubt the people will be prompt to notice, that under the new arrangement, when carried fully into effect, the Southern States will have after the next census, about thirteen more representatives in Congress than they have had under the slave system.

But these advantages are not all that might be named to reconcile the Southern masses to the new order of things. The general tone of State legislation will be raised, having the peculiar institution no longer to engross and hamper it. Education, agricultural interests, manufactures, will engage increased attention in Legislatures and among the people. Every function of politics will be more free in its operation, released from the slavery clog. And it will be no small benefit thus to have facility for acquiring uniqueness and homogeneity with the rest of the population of the country, by the removal of that which has been not only their peculiar institution, but which impressed its dark peculiarity on their principles, customs and tempers. The bitter outcry against the Reconstruction Law comes, we believe, mainly from those effete party lordlings who led the Southern rebellion, and who now see themselves crushed in the ruins that they produced. Among the body of the people, prejudice and old habits may suggest objections to some things in the law, but on the whole they will find it to work advantageously to them, in the long run, as well as to the whole country.

CAPTAIN PROFESSOR PIRATE ALABAMA SEMMES has turned up in a new spot, as editor of a paper in Memphis. The journal which has the honor of his name at its head is to be devoted to the humane purpose of restoring the dead to life, its first efforts being directed to the resuscitation of the Democratic party, and its reinstatement in the control of the Government. The Captain professes to be a strong friend of the Union, provided it be under Democratic administration. Not finding it in this condition on his return from his buccaneering pursuits on the sea, he has concluded, after trying his hand at various other employments, to devote to the interests of the Democratic party that energy and unscrupulousness which he had for years consecrated to the work of burning unarmed merchant vessels on the high seas. It is likely, however, to be some time before the Captain will get the old Union in a condition "just suited to his mind."

THE almost successful attempt of the Fenian movement against Chester Castle some time since, shows the danger, to a community, of having in it secret, armed, military organizations. The existence of such a force, not responsible to nor controled by public law, is always a danger. It is often, also, a direct insult to recognised government. Under no surveillance of lawful authority, its extent, movements and designs cannot be known. All the conditions afford strong presumption that they are unlawful, and, therefore, by a well-known principle of law and government demand that they should be prohibited and suppressed. Such organizations are said to be in existence in this country. They are not needed *for* the country, which has shown itself quite competent to do its own military work openly and by law. And in *opposition* to its interests, honor or peace, they should not be tolerated a day.

SHALL THE PROMISE BE REDEEMED?

In a report of the State Senate proceedings, when the motion was to strike out of the General Railroad Law the individual liability clause, the following occurs:

"Speaker HALL denounced this section as unjust, unusual, and which he could not support under any circumstances. He also proclaimed himself an advocate of a free railroad law in its most liberal sense."

We have to thank Speaker HALL for these words, and hope we shall have no reason for qualifying the remark. But he has done but a part of his duty—a small part—for the fight has but just begun. We shall expect, therefore, to see him laboring earnestly to defeat the bill—if not in the Legislature, certainly in the Executive Chamber. More than once last fall did Senator HALL and General GRARY, when on the stump, assure the people that they would give them "a free railroad law in its most liberal sense." We have the Senator now declaring that the bill as reported, should it pass, would not be such a law—but quite the reverse. No doubt Governor GEARY will readily coincide in that opinion; and the people will expect to find him acting as independently and faithfully to his duty and word as Senator HALL, who has but one vote. The Governor has a vote also, but whichever way it is cast it will be decisive. Having together stumped the State to make the promise of "a free railroad law in its most liberal sense," the question is—or soon will be—will they part company when the moment for redeeming it arrives? The Senator has chosen his course; to doubt what will be the decision of Governor GEARY, would be to accuse him in advance of unfaithfulness to his pledge—of which no man believes he is capable.

"NOTHING TO DO WITH POLITICS."

Many of our citizens, professing to be disgusted with the chicanery, meanness and fraud which they see in party management and measures, withdraw from all attention to the peculiar office of citizenship. And it is, in many cases, those men who pass for our best citizens, that say they have nothing to do with politics. They may be the best men, but we are not able to see what sustains their claim to be the best *citizens*, when the duty of the citizen is formally repudiated by them.

We do not deny that political affairs as managed, and political meetings as attended, are far from being attractive either to moral principle or refined taste. But we may ask, what has rendered them repulsive to so many of our citizens? What but the withdrawal of one after another of those who might be disposed and able to make the conduct of political affairs worthy of the importance of the subject. If political affairs be left to the control and management of pot-house politicians, they will be managed in a pot-house way. If the candidates for office secure the monopoly of the control, they will be conducted to suit their interests, and we shall have our public affairs disgraced by the greed of power and the still baser greed of money.

The class of citizens who are most ready to retire in disgust from politics, is the very class who have most of substantial interest in the subject. Their retirement is the very thing that most delights the officious demagogues who remain to manage public affairs in their own way and for their own gain. New York city affords an illustration. Influential, wealthy, old citizens have gradually withdrawn from municipal politics. In-comers, from all the ends of the earth, who never voted anywhere till they voted there, have taken politics into their management. The consequence is, that the non-tax paying part of the population have made the expenses of the city enormous, almost beyond belief, and the entire class of those who have nothing to do with politics may be reckoned among those who have the bills to foot.

It is, in fact, an approved piece of strategy among the lower ranks of mere politicians, to make primary political meetings so rough and offensive as to repel the better, more intelligent and decent sort of people. What could they wish for more than success? And certainly they have achieved success in every case where they have made a good citizen say, he has nothing to do with politics. Every man is bound to have some hand in keeping the public affairs of the country in a right condition. And to do his duty in this respect, he must direct his efforts wisely, not merely by voting, but by securing the right sort of candidates for office. And the duty extends to all grades of government. There are thousands who do not care a pin how the nation is governed, if they can control the municipality where they live, as in New York city. And there are others who expend their politics on great national questions, and let municipal and local affairs go into hands totally unfit, either by qualification or fidelity, to manage them. The damaging consequences are quickly seen, and they rapidly increase. State legislatures show these consequences, at the present time, as well as city governments.

A CONTRAST.

The Philadelphia *Press* quotes from Mr. PARTON'S article in the *Atlantic Monthly* for March, on Chicago, for the purpose of contrasting Philadelphia with that city. It holds up the achievements of the former—its triumphs in grasping elements, which if properly turned to account are sure to make a community strong in numbers and wealth—its energy in devising and prosecuting improvements, which though expensive are a permanent and necessary part of the development essential to great results—and it points to the boldness and intelligence with which Chicago has placed the Empire of the West under tribute to her,—all this our Philadelphia contemporary holds up for imitation by Philadelphia. But it remarks at the outset:

"We do not expect Philadelphia, even with her nearly 900,000 people, to achieve the same triumphs, because our education and habits are entirely different, but we boldly assert that Philadelphia may copy many things from Chicago with incalculable benefit to herself. The obstacles surmounted by the prominent men of that city, and especially the leaders of commerce and manufactures, would cover us with despair if we had any such impediments to remove."

Nevertheless, the *Press* thinks Philadelphia is capable of far more than she has yet done; and it might have quoted largely from Mr. PARTON'S article to show that the growth of Chicago—in fact the marvellous growth of the Western States, has been due to the construction of Railroads—the result of an enlightened public sentiment and liberal legislation in furtherance of improvements of every description.

MR. PARTON shows that in a large degree to the numerous Railroads—ramifying in every direction—developing every region and part—is due the existence of the marvel he describes. No part of the West has been bound by the shackles of a selfish Monopoly. No single Road has existed to prevent the construction of others, control Legislatures and keep down competition. Quite another policy has prevailed there—hence the marvel held up to the admiration and for the imitation of the people of Pennsylvania.

The people of Pennsylvania will have to begin at the bottom, if they would see railroads constructed and the State developed. They must make this the paramount object—the single issue. The Pennsylvania Railway Company has undertaken to say no more Railroads shall be built, unless it suits its policy to permit them. No legislation can be obtained without its consent—and to all intents and purposes, so far as improvements are concerned, it holds the State in its hands. Do the people of an undeveloped region, abounding in mineral riches, wish to construct a Railroad—the necessary preliminary? They must first obtain the consent of the Pennsylvania Company. Do they humbly petition the Legislature? They will do it in vain if the Monopoly object. Do they ask for a Free Railroad Law—such as other States have? Do they want an enabling act, whereby they may build roads with their own money, over their own lands? The finger of the Monopoly raised at the door of the Legislature will prove fatal to their wishes.

What will it avail, therefore, to hold up for imitation the achievements of others, bound as our State is, and incapable of a noble effort? The *Press* would do Philadelphia and the State a far greater service by contributing what it might to emancipate the State from the thraldom of the Monopoly.

THE NORTHERN DEMOCRATS BITTERLY REPROACHED BY THE SOUTH.

The Richmond *Enquirer* tells the New York *World* plainly that the secret motive for the advice to the South to accept the terms last offered, are well understood. "Though whatever abusements and renunciations" says the desponding Richmond paper sarcastically, "of rights and liberties—we must win the inestimable felicity of gaining a voice and vote in the next Presidential election, for the chance that our vote, if given to order, would put the *World* and its associates in office." And a little further on the *Enquirer* says emphatically:

"Until the Northern Democrats show more strength, and more nerve, the Southern vote, if given in bulk, would avail them but little; and if so given would probably draw down upon us fresh proscriptions from the successful party, with fresh condolence from the *World*, and fresh counsel to make the best of our case by making some new venture for the Democrats. We must tell the *World* plainly that its abandonment of the constitutional questions involved in the impending legislation, and its leaving the South to make her defences under the Constitution, unaided, and with careful admonitions that it is her case exclusively, are to our conceptions treacherous to use, and treacherous to principle; and can but be received as a warning not to expect future fidelity, and as counsel to take care of ourselves the best we may, regardless of past associations or commitments. This is the logic of the *World's* example.

"The truth is, the feeling at the South seems but little understood by any of the parties at the North. Our people never forget and will never abandon a faithful friend; but they are not so blind to the shiftings of the time-serving and unstable, and not so implacable towards former opponents, as seems to be assumed or supposed. No people are more easily won by a display of magnanimity or justice. Take some examples: Intelligent Southerners were asked this day, who in their judgments, of all the Northern public men, did most to bring upon them the enormous evils and the enormous wrongs which we believe we suffer, the answer would be, William H. Seward. If they were asked what Southern politician had done most to alienate their sympathies from himself, the answer would be Andrew Johnson. If they were further questioned they would declare, that since the close of the war, they are indebted to Messrs. Johnson and Seward far more for a manifestation of the *spirit* of amity than for *deeds* of amity and of justice; that they have defended us from the rigid and impolitic ungratuitous and galling hardships. Let our responses, then, to as much of generosity and justice as they have shown us—let the manner in which we have forgotten our prejudices, and met them in a cathilic and liberal spirit—testify to the true character of the Southern temper, and indicate how similar overtures from others would be received. With all our just resentments this day against even Stevens and Sumner and Wade, they have not excelled our sense of wrong more than Johnson and Seward had done before them. From these things the *World* may see that our introduction into the political circle would by no means insure our votes to men who fly us when in trouble, or those who, however liberal amongst us in the day, might hereafter act a more just and generous and conciliatory part. And further, that if advised and driven to renounce every constitutional right, and to appeal to Radical mercy on the terms, we might consider such advice, under such a necessity, as teaching us also to purchase a mitigation of the conditions by pledges of future support. And when Southern men make pledges or justify expectations, it is always with a purpose to make them good."

A Plea for Amusement.

The Rev. Washington Gladden, in the *Independent*, makes an earnest plea for amusement, from the stand-point that "the play impulse" and the "need of recreation" are "implanted in the human nature by God himself." Says this writer:

"We must not prohibit amusements; we must not regard them with indifference; we must not persist in divorcing them from religion; we must bring them under the control of Christian influences, that they may be sanctified. If we have religion without amusements, we must also have amusements without religion,' says one excellent writer on this subject. And it is difficult to say on which side the evils of the unnatural divorcement are most deeply felt."

THE EFFECT OF DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.—A significant and highly important fact is stated in connection with systematic sewerage and drainage in the town of Leek, Staffordshire, England, which was formerly badly drained and unhealthy. By accurately kept tables it appears that in the period of six years after good sewerage and drainage were adopted, eight and a half years were added to the life of each member of an organization known as the Burial Society, which includes in its membership a third of the entire population. Besides this, there was effected a sensible reduction in the loss of time from work, and the amounts expended for sickness. The mortality of the whole town has fallen from thirty-one to twenty-three and a half to the thousand.

REMOVAL OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.—The Boston *Traveller*, referring to the proposition, again made, to remove the capital to the West somewhere, remarks, although it is not quite so clear about having it taken West, it is as clear as sunlight that the national capital ought to be placed somewhere else than at the point best calculated to promote the purpose of Southern rebels, men who came so near succeeding in their first essay at disunion that they will make another effort at the earliest practicable moment, that is to say, as soon as the democratic party shall have been first "restored" at one national election, and then defeated at another.

SISTERS OF CHARITY.—The headquarters of the Sisters of Charity for the United States, are at Emmitsburg, Md. The present number of the Sisterhood is 951, being a nett increase of 30 during the past year. They have founded four new establishments during the same period, and they now have under their charge twenty-two hospitals, thirty-two hospital asylums, forty-nine parochial schools, four houses of charity, and one academy, making a total of 108 establishments. These institutions extend from Boston to San Francisco throughout most of the States of the American Union.

THE DELANO DISTRICT.—The testimony in the contested Congressional election case between Hon. C. Delano and Gen. Morgan, in the Thirteenth Ohio District, is now being taken at the Probate Judge's office in Mount Vernon. It is managed, on behalf of Mr. Delano, by Hon. W. Sapp and Walter H. Smith, Esq.; on behalf of Gen. Morgan, by C. H. Scribner and the General himself. The friends of Mr. Delano are sanguine of success.

NOTWITHSTANDING New York is a bad place in some respects, it occasionally acts in accordance with the highest virtue. For instance: The Southern Relief Commission has already collected a large amount of money to be applied to the relief of the South, and has shipped upwards of 20,000 bushels of corn to Savannah and Charleston, which will be promptly forwarded by the State authorities to the famine stricken localities for distribution.

AS TO the entire correctness of the purport of the following, there will probably be a difference of opinion; but concerning the duty of christians, none:

"Up to this time the devil and his angels have had a monopoly of the business of furnishing amusement to our homeless youth. It cannot be denied that they have done their work thoroughly. Are Christian people content to leave the field in their possession? Is it not time that something should be done to counteract their bad influences?"

MADAME GRIESVILLIERS has recovered 20,000 francs in a suit against the Paris-Lyons Mediterranean Railway line. This lady, a widow at the time, was travelling by the night train along the line, when, as the train approached Joigny, a piece of burning coal flew into the compartment in which she was alone, and set fire to it. With great presence of mind, the lady contrived to open the door of the carriage and stand on the step, hoping to be able to remain there till the next station was reached. However, the progress of the flames was so rapid that she was compelled to throw herself off the step, and in the fall she broke her arm and dislocated her shoulder and wrist, yet in this state she contrived, with the help of an employee who happened to be on the line, to walk as far as Joigny, a distance of three miles. The lady has since married a general officer, and sued the company for 32,000 francs as compensation for the injuries she received.

THE leech trade of Australia is becoming an important business. Steamers go out from Melbourne to the region of swamps and lagoons, one hundred or two hundred miles away, and sometimes collect from 150,000 to 250,000 leeches on a single trip. At Melbourne they are put up for transmission abroad. Large numbers of them are sent to London and Paris, where it is stated they are preferred to leeches brought from any other place; but the principal outlet for the export is America, where the demand is always great, from the rarity of the proper kind of leech throughout the whole continent. The shipments are made to San Francisco, Panama, and New York, whence they become distributed in all directions. The business is rapidly increasing and the supply of leeches is said to be unlimited.

THE MARYLAND SWANN.—The Radicals of Maryland are jolly over the "dead beat" which has overtaken Governor Swann. Says the Baltimore *American*: "They have driven Mr. Swann out of the Senate, and they have driven him into the Democratic party. Two things to be greatly thankful for. The real cause for his withdrawal from Senatorial honors will yet be explained, and explode all his pompous pretences to atoms."

THE SUPREME JUDGESHIP.—The Berks County *Journal* says: "Hon. M. Russel Thayer, present Representative of the Fifth Pennsylvania Congressional district, is favorably named and will be heartily supported before the next Republican State Convention as a candidate for Supreme Judge, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the term of Justice Woodward."

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Somebody has been reading in a scientific journal an account of a curious and recent invention designed to catch safe burglars. The depredator no sooner commences, in perfect ignorance of the secret arrangements, to force open the door, drill the lock, or move the safe, than by so doing he sends a telegraphic dispatch to the nearest police office, exhibiting the number registered in the police books of the house in which the robbery is being effected.

The dwelling of Mr. Tenant, in Saybrook, near Ashtabula, Ohio, was burned last Thursday night, and Eugene, a son of Mr. Tenant, was burned to death. The fire originated in the boy's room, and it is supposed he went to sleep, having a candle burning, which set fire to the bedclothes.

In Italy, the property belonging to the Roman Catholic Church is estimated at $60,000,000. The State proposes to take about two-fifths of this, or $34,000,000, for general uses.

Ladies who formerly had no word but "mauve" to express the most complete demoralization in personal appearance now apply wholesome neglect to their hair, glorying in the wild and negligent look it has when it seems to have been "slept in."

A terrible accident occurred in the woods in Wisconsin by which a man was thrown eighty feet into the air. The man killed was standing on a balanced tree to see another tree come down, when the tree in its falling course struck the other end of the tree on which the man was standing, and the tremendous weight of it coming on the spring lever threw him like a shot into the air.

The magnesium light has for some time been applied to photographing places where the light of day cannot penetrate, such as the interior of the Pyramids, etc. The director of the Polytechnic School of Newburg has just taken by this means some very successful sketches of the ancient tombs in the cemetery of the Dominican church in that city.

M. Stepham, the Paris savant, describes the new comet as exceedingly brilliant, of a roundish shape, and a strongly marked nucleus. It nevertheless appeared so condensed on one side as to lead him to suspect that there might be something like a fan-shaped tail on the other. He thinks the comet is gradually increasing in brilliancy.

A band of Japanese acrobats have arrived in this country. They are on their way to the Paris Exposition, and in order to perform in the Atlantic cities before departing hence for Europe, they were hurried away from San Francisco in the midst of their success, having cleared there in a few weeks over thirty-three thousand dollars in gold. At No place could be secured in New York at present, the troupe opened in Philadelphia on the first day of March, at the Academy of Music. The name of the principal performer (who played usually before the Tycoon), is *Tomas Kuri Sadakichi*. It is an euphonious title, but the last is suggestive of something else, and as the individual in question carries a two-edged sword, he may at any moment make a *hara-kiri* of himself, to the infinite disgust of the managers of the troupe.

The Boston *Bulletin* remarking on the uneasiness in trade and financial circles, says: "The immediate assembling of the fortieth Congress, upon the dissolution of this, does not by any means tend to lay the uneasiness. It is very certain that very little will be done in the way of business, beyond what is absolutely necessary to supply the wants of consumption, till the present political and financial issues are disposed of."

The beet sugar enterprise has proved a success in Chatsworth, Livingston county, Illinois. Four thousand tons of beets were raised last year on four hundred acres of prairie land, at a cost of $4 a ton, yielding 400,000 pounds of refined sugar. The returns are as large as are obtained from the rich soils of Belgium and France.

Mayor McMichael has ordered that a census of all the children in Philadelphia, between the ages of six and eighteen years, be taken, without regard to color, in order to show the number of each age which go to school. The census is to be taken by the policemen.

Two brothers, Charles Winton Chase and William Dean Chase, are charged with complicity in the murder of Betsy McDonald, aged seventy years, which deed was perpetrated at her residence in Jefferson county, on the 19th ult. Robery was the motive for the crime. Chas. W. is in prison, but his brother is at large.

PERSONAL.

—Rev. Dr. Bellows, whose health has suffered from his disinterested labors as President of the Sanitary Commission, will leave in a few weeks for Europe, where he will probably spend at least a year. He is to be accompanied by his family.

A Washington letter says that at the President's reception, some days since, Mrs. Otis, of Boston, (a lovely blonde,) wore white satin with an overdress of white puffed tulle, edged with wide white blonde lace, and looped up with bunches of small pink moss rose and blue forget-me-nots. Around her throat and arms were a necklace and bracelets of turquoise with diamond clasps and pendants.

—The horrible death of a son of Dr. Abel, the well-known dentist, of that city, by hydrophobia, is recorded in the Chicago papers.

—"Miles O'Reilly" guarantees the sobriety of Andrew Johnson. Now who will go bail for "Miles?"

—Parepa, now Mme. Rosa, appeared in an oratorio before 3,000 people at Steinway Hall, New York, on Wednesday evening last, the night after her marriage. One critic says "those who were so fortunate as to attend will not readily forget Mme. Rosa's delicious rendering of the aria 'How Beautiful are Thy Feet,' 'I Know that My Redeemer Liveth,' and the rest. Since the days of Jenny Lind no such breathing of Handel's beauties has been felt or known in this country. The lady's reception and endorsement were of the most cordial and personally gratifying nature."

—Mr. Morgan Smith, a colored tragedian, is drawing large audiences at Dundee, Scotland. A new drama, entitled "The Black Doctor," has been brought out by him with success.

—The Edinburgh *Courant* is authority for the following statement in regard to Queen Victoria as an author: "The preface to the collected speeches of the late Prince Consort, if not actually written by her Majesty, was at least 'inspired' by her, and her reputation for literary skill has on several occasions given grounds to reports that her Majesty has intended that her name should be included in the roll of royal authors. A rumor of this kind is again current, and we understand that is very generally believed that her Majesty is actually preparing a book of her own composition for the press."

—A. T. Stewart has sailed for Paris, as one of the Commissioners of the Great Exposition.

—The people of Atchison, Kansas, did not appreciate Mr. Hepworth Dixon and his traveling companions very highly, contemptuously calling them Yankees, and thinking them green. Public opinion of their keenness was improved, however, by an incident which Mr. Dixon, in his book on America, thus relates: "Sauntering down the street, enjoying our gossip and cigar, we note the word post-office on a shop in front, and on going inside we find there is one letter with my name on the cover, written in an unknown hand, on which three cents are due. Paying the money, and breaking the seal, I find the letter is not for me; on which I fold and restore it to the postmaster, saying it is not for me, and should be kept for the owner, to whom it is perhaps of moment. Eyeing me in a queer way, the postmaster takes the letter, and gives me back my change of three cents. 'Do you see,' says the sheriff to his nearest friend, 'damned smart that—read his letter and got his money back! Hang me if I think they are Yanks, after all.'"

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OIL MATTERS ON RIVER TERRITORY—A RIVAL TO PITTSBURGH—THE OIL TRADE OF PITTSBURGH BEING DIRECTED INTO OTHER CHANNELS.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.
FRANKLIN, March 2, 1867.

Owing to the ruinous price of oil, the most of the small wells have been standing during the winter, and there are very few going down in any quarter. At Tidioute there has been more developement than in any other part of the oil regions during the last year. On the Foster, Miller and Picket farms there have been a number of good wells obtained, but the Allegheny Valley Railroad will destroy a large number on and opposite some of these farms. During the summer new wells will be put down at the same points, as the river property is now preferred on account of a small saving in the cost of transportation.

The railroads having now penetrated every part of the oil region, the stocks on hand are greatly diminished compared with former years. Those who have large wells now have also large tankage, and will hold over their stocks for better prices. Nearly all of the production of the small wells has been shipped to Cleveland and the Eastern cities. This has been going on regularly all winter, and Cleveland is fast becoming the rival of Pittsburgh in the business of refinining and shipping. Having large contracts in Europe, as soon as the Welland Canal is open she sends off her vessels and forestalls the distant markets without making much noise about it. Philadelphia, also, now takes her share of the fluid directly home by the Warren and Franklin Railroad, where it is refined or shipped in a crude state, according to the demands of the market.

On the whole, there will be but a small amount, besides that already sold, to be shipped on the Allegheny river to Pittsburgh. It is pretty generally understood that there is a prouduess in your goodly city to envelope itself in smoke, and at the same time imagine it enjoys clear daylight. If, according to your correspondent, you merchants are scouring the hills of Virginia to pick up small lots of oil at this time, what will they not do when the midsummer trade commences. Cleveland has had her buyers on Oil Creek and on the river all winter, and they continue to pursue their avocation, determined to take time by the forelock and secure the prize. The temporary check cannot long impede the onward progress of a business that has become a world-wide necessity. The fact that the late freshet has almost subsided, and that there has but little oil been afloat for your market, has been generally remarked by residents on the river, while it is well known that wealthy companies, some even from Europe, are extending their tankage capacity to vast dimensions.

A shorter route for transportation is about to be furnished by the opening of the Jamestown and Franklin Railroad in the direction of the Lake Shore and Buffalo roads. These rival roads will diminish the cost of carriage, and turn to the advantage of the producer, while the great advantage heretofore enjoyed by your city will partially cease, and leave the denizens astonished at the altered aspect of Duquesne way.

FRANKLIN.

Mineral Developments.

Owing to the snow and ice there have been few mineral developments in the State. The Pottsville *Standard* says: Mining is progressing satisfactorily at the McGinnes shaft, the amount shipped up to Saturday being 1,600 tons 20 cwt. Some fine specimens of ore have been brought to Pottsville from the Coal Hill tract, near Middleport.

A vein of ore, fourteen inches thick, resembling that found in the out crop of the McGinnes vein at St. Clair, has been found at Kagle Hill, by Mr. William J. Kurtz. It is about two miles east of the out crop of the McGinnes vein, which is four feet thick, and becomes darker as the distance from the surface increases. It has been worked to a depth of about thirty feet. The out crop of a vein of ore, apparently the same as the above mentioned, has been found at Wadesville by Mr. Llewellyn. It has not yet been fully developed.

Washington correspondence says that Mr. R. A. Parrish, of Philadelphia, has petitioned the House of Representatives, asking its intervention in a case of alleged spoliation by the French government, amounting to fifteen millions of francs. The claim rests upon the personal parole of the Emperor given to the petitioner at an extraordinary audience appointed for the purpose and was to have been embodied in a treaty, of which, together with all his other interests, he says he has been fraudulently deprived. The sum above named was promised for the claimant's renunciation of a pretended territory similar to that of California, since conquered and annexed to France, situated on the Kong Mountains of Africa, on the west coast, and from which the Government of France has already derived great mineral wealth, the gold coinage for many years since then having attained the unprecedented sum of more than a hundred millions of dollars annually.

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A YEAR IN THE ICE WORLD.*

SOME ACCOUNT OF DR. HAYES'S ARCTIC EXPEDITION—HIS ADVENTURES AND INTERCOURSE WITH ICEBERGS, ESQUIMAUX AND OTHER HYPERBOREAN INSTITUTIONS—DISCOVERY OF THE OPEN POLAR SEA.

Of all kinds of books, graphically written narratives of travel and adventure probably take the readiest and firmest hold on popular fancy. They interest all classes of readers, offending the prejudices or sensibilities of none; while, with few exceptions, they retain their power of affording pleasure on perusal an indefinite number of years after their original production. This volume of the experiences of Dr. Hayes, in his endeavors to ascertain the existence of an open sea beyond the belt of ice which, like a colossal rampart, surrounds the extreme polar region of the North, though in truth a picturesque and lively description of scenes through which he and his companions actually passed, and incidents that actually happened to them, has all the charm and fascination of a romance. No exercise of the imagination could surpass or even equal, in novelty and startling impressiveness of effect, the realities that were to them, for months, the every day occurrences of life. The scientific results of the expedition are rarely more than adverted to, Dr. Hayes having placed the immense mass of geographical, astronomical, metereological, zoological and botanical material that he collected at the disposal of the Smithsonian Institute, whence, in process of time, elaborate works, based on his investigations, may be expected to issue. The plan and purpose of the expedition, were, partly, according to Dr. Hayes himself, the completion of the survey of the North coasts of Greenland and Grinnell Land, an operation in which the intrepid voyager had been previously engaged when acting as Surgeon of the expedition under Dr. Kane; but, so far as his personal feelings were concerned, he was chiefly set upon establishing the theory of a great Polar Basin, to which it might be possible to convey a boat and explore marvels of Nature on which human eye had never before rested. Full of enthusiastic hopes of success in the achievement of these projects Dr. Hayes and party set sail from Boston, late in the summer of 1860, in the "strong, snug, jaunty looking schooner 'United States,'" a craft of one hundr and thirty-two tons burden and drawing eight feet of water. Thanks to the liberality of public-spirited gentlemen of wealth and to the aid of several Scientific Associations he was very fairly supplied with resources. The details of that part of the voyage which precedes the time when the great ice Belt was reached are amazingly entertaining, and, we may say, instructive, too; but the real excitement and dash of the story commences with the period when they were fairly launched in dog-drawn sledges on the glacial wilderness that intervened between them and the main objective point at which they aimed. Yet there are many attractive passages concerning their earlier acquaintance with frozen fields and floes and mountains and half frozen natives of the inhospitable regions that they had to visit, which we find it hard to refrain from quoting. One or two of these we cannot help but give:

ICEBERG SPLENDORS.

Here, for instance, is the glowing sketch of a sun-lit view of what, in the long Arctic day, Dr. Hays once saw at 12 o'clock P. M.:

"MIDNIGHT.—I have just come below, lost in the wondrous beauty of the night. The sea is smooth as glass; not a ripple breaks its dead surface, not a breath of air is stirring. The sun hangs close upon the northern horizon; the fog has broken up into light clouds; the icebergs lie thick about us; the dark headlands stand boldly out against the sky; and the clouds and sea and bergs and mountains are bathed in an atmosphere of crimson and gold and purple most singularly beautiful. In all my former experience in this region of startling novelties I had never seen any thing to equal what I witnessed that night. The air was warm almost as a summer's night at home, and yet there were the icebergs and the bleak mountains, with which the fancy in this land of green hills and waving forests, can associate nothing but cold repulsiveness. The sky was bright and soft and strangely inspiring as the skies of Italy. The bergs had wholly lost their chilly aspect, and glittering in the blaze of the brilliant heavens, seemed, in the distance, like masses of burnished metal or solid flame. Nearer at hand they were huge blocks of Parian marble, inlaid with mammoth gems of pearl and opal. One in particular exhibited the perfection of the grand. Its form was not unlike that of the Coliseum, and it lay so far away that half of the height was buried beneath the line of blood-red waters. The sun, slowly rolling along the horizon, passed behind it, and it seemed as if the old Roman ruin had suddenly taken fire. Nothing indeed but the pencil of the artist could depict all the wonderful richness of this sparkling fragment of Nature. Church, in his great picture of 'The Icebergs,' has grandly exhibited a scene not unlike that which I would in vain describe. In the shadows of the bergs the water was a rich green, and nothing could be more soft and tender than the gradations of color made by the sea sloshing on the sloping tongue of a berg close beside us. The tint increased in intensity where the ice overhung the water, and a deep cavern near by exhibited the solid color of the malachite mingled with the transparency of the emerald, while, in strange contrast, a broad streak of cobalt blue ran diagonally through its body. The bewitching chs acter of the scene was heightened by a thousand little cascades which leaped into the sea from these floating masses—the water being discharged from lakes of melted snow and ice which reposed in quietude far up in the valleys separating the high icy hills of their upper surface. From other bergs large pieces are now and then detached—plunging down into the water with deafening noise, while the slow moving swell of the ocean resounds through their broken archways.

ESQUIMAUX IDIOSYNCRACIES.

The peculiarities of the Esquimaux, on whom he had to rely for guides and servants, for supplies of dogs and seal skins and the performance of various indispensible offices, are portrayed with a good deal of humor and in a spirit of good tempered toleration of eccentricity and not infrequent barbarism, which proves Dr. Hayes's unlimited possession of that invaluable traveling faculty—adaptability to circumstances. Their uncouth, thankless way of practically illustrating the virtue of charity—without, however, having the slightest intention to do anything of the kind—is thus described:

The Esquimaux are, indeed, a very strange kind of people, and are an interesting study, even more so than my dogs, although they are not so useful; and then the dog can be controlled with a long whip and resolution, while the human animal cannot be controlled with anything. They might very properly be called a negative people, in everything except their unreliability, which is entirely positive; and yet, since the advent of the whites, a visible semblance of virtuous conduct, at least in this: that while in sickness, or want, or distress, they never render voluntary assistance to each other, yet they do not do it indeed, the active exhibition of service is, perhaps, wholly unknown or unthought of among them; but they do the next best thing—they never withhold it. From the rude hut of the hardy inhabitant of these frozen deserts the unfortunate hunter who has lost his team and has been unsuccessful in the hunt, the unprotected family who have lost their head, even the idle and shiftless, are never turned away; but they are never invited. They may come, they may use what they find, as if they were members of the family, taking it as a matter of course; but if it were known that they were starving, at a distance, there is no one who would ever think of going to them with supplies. They are the most self-reliant people in the world. It does not appear ever to occur to them to expect assistance, and they never think of offering it. The food and shelter which the poor wretch is allowed to take is not a charity bestowed; the aid which the hunter gives to the dogless man who jumps upon his sledge for a lift on a journey is not a kindness. He would drop him or give him the slip if occasion offered, even if in a place from whence he could not reach his home. He would drive off and leave him with the greatest unconcern, never so much as giving him a thought. If he should change his abode, the family that had sought his protection would not be invited to accompany him. They might come if able, he could not and would not drive them away; indeed, his language contains no word that would suit the act; but, if not able to travel, they would be left to starve with as much unconcern as if they were decrepit dogs which the hunt had rendered useless.

CONCERNING THE DOGS.

But the dogs are Dr. Huyes's strong point. When he speaks of them it is with the keenest relish for the strongly marked characteristics which distinguish them from all other varieties of the canine family, and an ardent appreciation of the invaluable assistance he derived from them. We append some account of these sagacious and useful, but rather savage and not very reliable quadrupeds:

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"I have a superb turn-out—twelve dogs and a fine sledge. The animals are in most excellent condition—every one of them strong and healthy; and they are very fleet. They whirl my Greenland sledge over the ice with a celerity not calculated for weak nerves. I have actually ridden behind them over six measured miles in twenty-eight minutes; and, without stopping to blow the team, have returned over the track in thirty-three.

"The traces are all of the same length, and hence the dogs run side by side, and, when properly harnessed, their heads are in a line. My traces are six inches round, and the swindlers of the dogs are just twenty feet from the forward part of the runners.

"The team is guided solely by the whip and voice. The strongest dogs are placed on the outside, and the whole team is swayed to right and left, according as the whip falls on the snow to the one side or the other, or as it touches the leading dogs, as it is sure to do if they do not obey the gentle hint with sufficient alacrity. The voice aids the whip; but, in all emergencies, the whip is the only real reliance. Your control over the team is exactly in proportion to your skill in the use of it. The lash is about four feet longer than the traces, and is tipped with a "cracker" of hard sinew, with which a skilful driver can draw blood, if so inclined; and he can touch either one of his animals on any particular spot that may suit his purpose."

FOXES AND BEARS.

Dr. Hayes makes interesting reference to other animals of Arctic variety, besides those of the human and canine species. He says:

"The bears, wandering continually through the night, must needs have a hard struggle to live. During the summer, the seals, who furnish their only subsistence, crawl up on the ice, and are there easily caught; but in the winter they only resort to the cracks to breathe, and in doing so, barely put their noses above the water, so that they are captured with difficulty. Driven to desperation by hunger, the bears will sometimes invade the haunts of men, in search of the food which their quick scent has detected. I had an adventure, about this time, which shows that the Polar bear is not so ferocious as is generally supposed; indeed they have never been known to attack man, except when hotly pursued and driven to close quarters. Strolling one day, along the shore, I was observing, with much interest, the effect of the recent spring tides upon the ice-foot, when, rounding a point of rocks, I suddenly found myself confronted in the faint moonlight by an enormous bear. He had just sprung down from the land-ice, and was meeting me at a full trot. We caught sight of each other at the same instant. Being without a rifle, or other means of defense, I wheeled suddenly toward the ship, with, I fancy, much the same reflections about discretion and valor as those which crossed the mind of old Jack Falstaff when the Douglas set upon him; but finding, after a few lengthy strides, that I was not gobbled up, I looked back over my shoulder, when, as much to my surprise as gratification, I saw the bear tearing away toward the open sea, with a celerity which left no doubt as to the state of his mind. I suppose it would be difficult to determine which was the most frightened—the bear or I.

"The troops of foxes about us were at first quite tame; but they had been cured of their familiarity by the lessons learned from the hunters, and had to be approached with adroitness. Of both the blue and white varieties I had living specimens in my cabin. The white reminds of the fox, notwithstanding their many points of resemblance, are evidently distinct species. I have not known them to mix, the coat of each preserving its distinctive hue, those of the blue fox varying merely in distinctive shade, while the white changes only from pure white to a slightly yellowish tinge. The term "blue," as applied to the species to which Birds belonged, is not wholly a misnomer, for, as seen upon the snow, its color gives something of that effect. The color is, in truth, a solid gray, the white and black being harmoniously blended, and not mixed as in the gray fox of North America. Their skins are much sought after by the trappers of Southern Greenland, where the animals are rare, for the fur commands a fabulous price in the Copenhagen market.

THE GREAT POLAR LION.

And here is something about that formidable amphibious monster, the walrus, or sea lion. The party had gone out hunting them in an open boat, got among an immense herd of them, were hunted in their turn and nearly brought to grief before they got through:

"Their tough, nearly hairless hides, which are about an inch thick, had a singularly iron-plated look about them, peculiarly suggestive of defense; while their huge tusks, which they brandished with an appearance of strength that their awkardness did not diminish, looked like very formidable weapons of offense if applied to a boat's planking or to the human ribs, if one should happen to find himself floundering in the sea among the thick-skinned brutes. To complete the hideousness of a facial expression which the tusks rendered formidable enough in appearance, Nature had endowed them with broad flat noses, which were covered all over with stiff whiskers, looking much like porcupine quills, and extending up to the edge of a pair of gaping nostrils. The use of these whiskers is as obscure as that of the tusks; though it is probable that the latter may be as well weapons of offense and defense as for the more useful purpose of grubbing up from the bottom of the sea the mollusks which constitute their principal food. There were each two old bulls in the herd who appeared be dividing their time between sleeping and jamming their tusks into each other's faces, although they appeared to treat the matter with perfect indifference, as they did not appear to make any impression on each other's thick hides. As we approached, these old fellows—neither of which could have been less than sixteen feet long, nor smaller in girth than a hogshead—raised up their heads, and, after taking a leisurely survey of us, seemed to think us unworthy of further notice; and, then punching each other again in the face, fell once more asleep."

SIX MONTHS OF NIGHT.

We will conclude our notice of Dr. Hays' ex cellent volume with an extract, suggestive of the gloom and depression produced by the terrible polar night of half a year's duration. This was their first experience of it:

"And thus we jog on toward the spring; but each hour of the darkness grows a little longer and soaks a little more color from the blood, and takes a little more from the elasticity of the step, and adds a little more to the lengthening slip if occasion offered, even if in a place from whence he could not reach his home. He would drive off and leave him with the greatest unconcern, never so much as giving him a thought. If he should change his abode, the family that had sought his protection would not be invited to accompany him. They might come if able, he could not and would not drive them away; indeed, his language contains no word that would suit the act; but, if not able to travel, they would be left to starve with as much unconcern as if they were decrepit dogs which the hunt had rendered useless.

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SEC. 3. The bonds of the State and certificates of indebtedness, now over due, shall be receivable in payment of the said loan, under the direction of the Governor, Auditor General and State Treasurer hereby authorized to be issued, shall state in his bid whether the same is payable in bonds or in the bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the Commonwealth.

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JOHN W. GLASS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
L. W. HALL,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

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DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Williams.

Yesterday morning after the list of jurors had been called, the case of D. Carson & Co. vs. W. B. Yonkey, being an action to recover a balance alleged to be due for bark delivered on contract, was taken up. The jury rendered a verdict for plaintiffs in the sum of $92 40, when defendant's counsel made a motion for a new trial, and filed reasons therefor.

Wier & Steele vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The plaintiffs allege that they owned a two-story brick building on Washington street, between Liberty and Prospect streets, which was used as a carriage and wagon manufactory, and that in October, 1864, defendants excavated Washington street, for a distance of sixty feet to a depth of thirty feet, obstructing the travel on said street for a period of ten months, interrupting and interfering with plaintiffs' business. The amount of damages claimed is two thousand dollars. On trial.

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—Before Judge Stowe.

Upon the assembling of this Court yesterday morning, the case of Atkinson and Sulvely vs. Robert Woods, was taken up. This is an action to recover $1,970 21, with interest from February, 1865, alleged to be due plaintiffs for plastering defendant's dwelling, located in Chartiers township. The defendant claims that plaintiffs contracted to do the whole job of plastering in a workmanlike manner and before a given time, neither of which conditions were fulfilled. The case occupied the attention of the Court during the entire day, and is still on trial.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—Before Judge Sterrett.

The March term of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer commenced yesterday morning. The lists of Jurors were called, but there being less than a quorum of Grand Jurors present, they were not charged.

The Register's Court was then opened, and after confirming a large number of accounts presented by Register Gray, an adjournment was ordered until two o'clock.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND JURY.

On the re-assembling of Court in the afternoon, a quorum of grand jurors answered, when Wm. H. Barker was designated as foreman.

Judge Sterrett then delivered a very lengthy but able and comprehensive charge in regard to the duties of grand jurors, and the functions which they are called upon to exercise. The charge contained some statistical information in regard to the development of crime. We extract the following:

INCREASE OF CRIME.

"The increase and prevalence of crime—especially of the more aggravated types—is a subject that should arrest the attention, and call forth the active efforts of every philanthropist. An inspection of our criminal calendar does not exhibit an alarming increase in the *number* of crimes that are brought to our notice; but when we compare their grade and character with those of former years, we cannot fail to notice that those of later years are characterized by greater atrocity. And there is reason to believe that the proportion of those that escape trial and punishment is greatly increased. In the last few years, the following is the number of criminals that have been brought to the attention of this court—embracing crimes and misdemeanors of every description, from simple breaches of the peace to the most deliberate and cold-blooded murders:

In 1860.....1,649 cases.
In 1861.....1,249 cases.
In 1862.....1,116 cases.
In 1865.....1,221 cases.
In 1864.....1,554 cases.
In 1865.....1,838 cases.
In 1866.....1,681 cases.

EFFECTS OF THE WAR ON CRIME.

"In 1860 the number was nearly as great as in 1866. From that year until the end of 1863 there was a rapid decrease; since then there has been a gradual increase. Comparing the last year, 1866, with 1862, the increase is over fifty per cent. The proportion of the higher grades of felony is still greater. We are very apt to attribute this increase of crime to the demoralizing effects of the civil war, but it may well be questioned whether other causes have not had greater influence in bringing about this result than at first sight is generally supposed. When a nation is struggling for life with a domestic foe, and the energies of a people are enlisted in the common cause, it is natural to expect that the sundering of social ties, throwing off the restraint of domestic life, and the exposure to temptations of the camp would result in demoralization and crime. But there is reason to believe that the evils arising from this cause have been less than is generally supposed. It should be borne in mind that during the war great numbers of the abandoned and vicious criminals, were drawn here from all parts of the world by the cohesive attraction of plunder. Hundreds of these, in the shape of bounty jumpers, camp followers, etc., were to be found in the wake of our armies, and since the return of peace they are scattered over the country, and form a large per centage of those who are filling up our jails and penitentiaries. Again, we know that in numerous instances the influences of camp life are salutary instead of pernicious. The moral character of many was radically reformed, and in other cases developed and strengthened; so that, upon the whole, the severance of crime in the army and navy and land, should not be ascribed so much to the demoralizing influence of the war as to numerous other causes which combine to produce the result.

THE CURSE OF INTEMPERANCE.

"One of the most prominent causes of increased and increasing lawlessness is intemperance—the great nursery of crime, wickedness and misery. Judging from experience, we would be quite safe in saying that three-fourths of all the criminal charges we are called upon to investigate, are chargeable, directly or indirectly, to the excessive use of intoxicating drink. And when we couple this with the untold suffering, misery and wretchedness caused by the same pernicious habit, we are prepared to form some faint conception of its far reaching and baneful influence. It is, indeed, the fruitful source of crime, and its deleterious effects are readily traced through all the processes of criminal justice as administered in our courts.

OTHER CAUSES OF CRIME.

"Closely connected with this, in some respects, are the low and demoralizing haunts of vice, and so-called places of amusement, of which, unfortunately, we have too many. The yellow-covered literature, with which the country is flooded, and in which vice, in all its hideous deformities, is dressed up in the form of virtue, performs its part of the work. Gambling houses, lotteries, gift enterprises and swindling operations of various kinds—appealing to the capacity and baser passions of both old and young—contribute a baleful share. The cowardly practice of carrying concealed weapons may be added.

THE DUTIES OF THE CITIZEN.

"These and many other corrupt and corrupting influences are certainly co-operative, and the wonder is that we are not compelled to reap more of the bitter fruits. That these evil influences, and many others that might be named, are of great magnitude, mutually sustaining and supporting each other, and by their united influence producing a harvest of crime and misery, cannot well be doubted, and the question naturally arises—how are they to be abated, or even restrained?

"The terrors of the law, the fear of punishment at the bar of justice, or the bar of public opinion, may restrain evil doers for the time being, but permanent reformation must rest upon a higher principle. The standard of public sentiment must be elevated by an appeal to the moral forces by which it is moulded. Experience and the genius of our institutions both teach us that law is neither respected nor efficient for good in the community unless it is sustained by public sentiment. It is the fountain from which republican institutions receive their life. Once teach the people to trust in external enactments, rather than to the deep sources of moral action, and the security of public peace is endangered. The public conscience must be aroused to the necessity of applying the most appropriate remedy. Judge Addison remarks: 'But as the State, or its officers, cannot, like the Almighty, discern all the secret or open actions of men, much less their thoughts or intentions, it becomes the duty of every citizen to serve as eyes to the State to watch over the actions of their fellow-citizens—give information of all offenses to the proper officers, and secure offenders for the punishment of the law. For though in the execution of public justice, the duty of a magistrate or officer is trusted, but to some, the duty of a witness and the duty of aiding public authority is imposed upon all; and the citizen who conceals offenses against a State from the knowledge of those to whom punishment belongs, or who assists an offender to escape, or neglects proper measures to render him amenable to justice, says the foundation of public authority and contributes to disorder and disobedience to the laws.'"

The Grand Jury retired to their room after receiving the charge of the Court, and proceeded at once to business.

ILLEGAL VOTING.

The first case called for trial was that of Mr. Eberhart, a resident of Fayette county, who was charged with illegal voting in McClure township, at the last general election. The defendant had boarded in Manchester for some weeks before the election, and slept in McClure township. He tendered his vote at the polls in Manchester but was prevented from voting there. He then went to the polls in McClure township, where his vote was received. The defense alleges that the voting was not done with fraudulent intention, even though it might not have been strictly legal. The man's family resided in Fayette county, but as he had been in Manchester more than ten days, and intended to make it his home, he thought that he was justly entitled to vote there. Being refused a vote, and being told he must vote where he slept, he voted at the polls in McClure township. The case was not concluded at adjournment.

Letter from Dr. B. Hunter, of New York.—No. 3.

ON CHRONIC BRONCHITIS.

To the Publishers of the Commercial:

Chronic Bronchitis is a local inflammation of the mucous lining of the air-tubes. Thickening, enlargement of the mucus follicles and ulceration, take place in the air-tubes of the lungs the same as in the air-passages of the nose, but the effect upon the health is very different in the two cases. In Bronchitis thickening of the mucous membrane diminishes the size of the air tubes and *shortens the breath.*

Bronchitis, then, is a disease of the bronchial tubes, ramifying the substance of the lungs. Their lining membrane is very sensitive to every external influence, and is hence liable to become irritated by sudden changes of weather, by impure air, by the particles of matter which fill the atmosphere of work-shops or float upon the wind in dusty streets, by *smoke* and the hundred irritating causes which meet our breathing in almost every place. The most common cause, however, is *a cold*, showing itself first as a catarrh of the nose, next affecting the throat and larynx, and lastly involving the bronchial tubes, when the disease is known as a seated "cold in the chest," or Bronchitis.

The acute symptoms of the cold usually subside after a short time; but the patient does not return to his former good health. He discovers a slight disposition to warmth in the hands toward evening, and cannot take the same exercise as usual without discovering that he is "short of breath." Still, he is pretty well, and, if the season be summer, he may go on to fall without expectoration. But as the winter approaches, he begins to cough, and the expectoration is found to be yellow. He may also find the fever increased to a decided heetic, with night sweats and rapid loss of flesh, in which case he will probably die before spring, with all the symptoms of consumption. Still this is not consumption at all; it is simply a chronic catarrh of the lungs.

The most common form of this disease is called "Dry Bronchitis," the essential character of which consists of a thickening of the mucus membrane, by which the air-tubes are diminished in size, and also in the secretion of a dense glutinous kind of matter, of a greenish or bluish white color, by which they are still further obstructed. The smaller bronchial tubes often entirely closed, and occasionally a tube of very considerable size becomes sealed up by this matter. This affection is so common in this climate that in some degree it is probable two out of every three suffer from it. "In the forest-covered parts of France," says Laennec, "fully one-half the people advanced in age will be found, on careful examination, to present evidence of a thickening of the mucous membrane of the lungs."

The symptoms of Dry Bronchitis are not marked by severity. It is the most insidious of pulmonary complaints. The subject of it is conscious only of being short-breathed when ascending an elevation or attempting to run. When a large portion of the lung is involved, a sense of oppression is experienced after walking, and on very slight exertion. After a time difficulty of breathing comes on and continues for several days; the patient complaining of tightness in the chest, which is relieved by cough and the expectoration of a tough, felty-like substance. The cough by which this matter is raised is a mere *rasping* effort to clear the throat, and may probably not occur more than once or twice daily, and almost unconsciously to patients themselves. On inquiring if they have a cough, they will, almost without exception, answer, "No!" and on further questioning them they will, perhaps, hack and raise a little jelly-like mucous half a dozen times.

The frequency of this form of bronchitis—its slow, insidious and treacherous progress, and the disastrous consequences to which it so often leads—should awaken from their lethargy all who are troubled with dry and apparently unimportant such coughs may seem, they lead on by sure gradation to consumption.

It is very common for Chronic Bronchitis to assume a milder form, when it is spoken of as a "winter cough." It comes on each winter, and as regularly subsides during the summer; but at every succeeding recurrence it manifests itself in greater severity, and the recovery in the following summer is not so complete. This form of Bronchitis, if neglected, will as surely destroy life as consumption itself. The mucous membrane, sooner or later, becomes altered in structure, and ulcers form, in a way which has all the qualities of pus. Hectic fever supervenes, and the disease tends slowly, but surely, to a fatal termination.

Another form of Bronchitis is peculiar to middle life and old age. It is distinguished by the quantity and the character of the matter expectorated. Usually there are two fits of coughing in the day—one on awakening from sleep in the morning, and the other in the evening. There is considerable difficulty in breathing while the paroxysms of coughing last, but it passes off as soon as the lungs are free from the viscid secretion. The patient is feeble, he has no energy, live and attend to light duties for several years.

In addition to the varieties of Chronic Bronchitis already described, there are several others which are of less importance, because less common in their occurrence. One of these is a kind of plastic inflammation of the bronchial mucous membrane, which is characterized by the formation of a false membrane or false lining to the tube. Particles of food, in great distress from want of air, because in all such cases the size of the tubes through which they breathe are diminished. I have known patients to expectorate portions of this false membrane shaped just like the tube from which it came.

Lastly, the mucous membrane lining the bronchial tubes is liable to *ulcerations*, which secrete a purulent matter resembling the pus expectorated in confirmed consumption. In this case, but the physician who has carefully observed the sputa of pulmonary invalids can detect the difference, and yet it is most desirable that it should always be detected, for the life of the patient often hangs upon the issue. During the latter expectorated indicate simple ulceration of the mucous membrane, or the breaking down of the substance of the lungs and the formation of a tuberculous cavity?

If you have read carefully what I have said on the seat of Bronchitis, viz, that it is *within the lung*, you will readily understand how inadequate for its cure must be any treatment which does not penetrate to the tubes in which the disease itself. Many physicians erroneously ascribe the bronchial disease to sore throat, and straightway you submit to the cruel torture of having caustic applied "every week or third week." If the unnecessary suffering you thus undergo was the only evil consequence which sprung from it, it would be of less importance, but the disease within your lungs is all this time gaining a firmer hold, the mucous membrane is becoming thickened, and the smaller bronchial tubes closed up. These obstructions go on increasing until sufficient air cannot be drawn through the air tubes to produce the change in the blood from venous to arterial. It is the object of respiration to change the blood from a dark to a bright red color. This change is produced in the lungs by the air we breathe, and cannot occur unless that is received in sufficient quantity. When considerable obstructions exist in the bronchial tubes the carbon which constitutes the impurity of the blood is not wholly removed, but a part is retained and sent again through the system, impeding the circulation, irritating the brain and nervous system, and deranging every part. Under this condition of the blood, tubercles are deposited in the lungs. There is no warning given of the fearful change at such a taking place. Without pain, without cough, without expectoration, the seed of this most insidious and mortal disease is sown, and soon brings forth its fruit. Thus consumption arises as a consequence of neglecting or maltreating Bronchitis. It is a desideratum in the treatment of all disease to get the remedy to the organ or part affected. We use washes, injections, blisters, purgatives, and so forth, on this principle, in pulmonary disease as well as in colds and sore throat; but how are we to apply it? We cannot use solids or fluids, for this is an air cavity. But we can, by inhalation, reach thoroughly and naturally all diseases situated within the air tubes and cells of the lungs.

What, then, is inhalation? The word itself merely means the act of inspiring or drawing in a breath. In medical parlance it means a mode of administering medicines by breathing them. Thus we say, "I inhale a medicine," as we would say, "I take a medicine;" the difference being simply that one is inhaled or breathed while the other is swallowed. I am thus explicit in order to show that all medicines inhaled into the lungs are not alike any more than all medicines taken into the stomach; and hence, that the benefits to be derived from inhalations must depend upon the experience and skill of the physician who prescribes them. I should have deemed this explanation unnecessary, but for the fact, that many appear to have got the erroneous idea that "inhalation," instead of being an improved mode of administering medicines, is some *specific* remedy, alike applicable to the most opposite forms of pulmonary disease. To make it such would be to degrade it to the base level of quackery. It can never be honestly employed without a full knowledge of all the symptoms and peculiarities of each case, and the adaptation of the remedies accordingly.

The first object of treatment is to cleanse the air-tubes of the lungs by *expectorant* inhalations. Having attained this object, we next seek to *allay the irritation* on which the secretion depends—to *soak and heal the inflamed surface.* The manner of administering medicines by inhalation, in Bronchitis, is as follows: The inhaling instrument, which is made of glass, and holds about a pint of fluid, is half filled with of the case. The medicine prepared for a dose of cold, hot, or warm water, according to nature are then added and the patient proceeds to inhale deeply into the lungs, being careful to expand the chest well. The *fluid being medicated* thoroughly impregnates the air with its properties. Each inhalation is continued for five, ten, or fifteen minutes, as may be necessary, and taken three times a day, or twice a day, on rising and on retiring. In this manner every affect that can be produced by medicine is *obtained in the lungs*, and with a degree of certainty unattainable by any other method of treatment.

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT HUNTER, M. D.,
Merchants' Hotel, Pittsburgh, March 2, 1867.

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POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

[Before Mayor McCarthy.]

FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE APPREHENDED.

Yesterday morning United States Deputy Marshal O'Reilly arrived in this city from St. Louis, having in his possession a capias for the arrest of John C. Mitchell, a fugitive from justice. It appears that Mitchell was arrested some time since in St. Louis, on a charge of passing counterfeit United States currency, and entered bail for his appearance on the 25th ult. for trial. He failed, however, to appear at the time stated, and information being received that he was in this city, Mr. O'Reilly was detailed to effect the arrest. Upon arriving in the city, Mr. O'Reilly called at the Mayor's office and secured the assistance of officer Cupples, and after searching for some time, discovered Mitchell at the corner of Market and Water streets. He was immediately arrested and taken to the Mayor's office, and in the afternoon, Mr. O'Reilly left for St. Louis with his prisoner. Mitchell has been in this city for several weeks, and stopped with some relatives in Lawrenceville.

[Before Mayor Morrison.]

RE-ARREST OF GATES AND BOWMAN.

Harrison Gates and Zeigler Bowman, the two parties who were before Mayor Morrison on Friday last, charged with stealing four thousand dollars worth of goods from Lemon Langer, but who were discharged, are again in trouble. It will be remembered that they proved at the hearing that they were part owners of the goods, which they were charged with having stolen. It is now alleged that they never paid for their share of the goods, amounting to over two thousand dollars, which they bought on credit from six different firms in New York city. A partner in one of the firms, Ludington, Ludington & Co., from whom Gates and Bowman bought about six hundred dollars worths of goods, noticing their previous arrest, came to Allegheny on Sunday evening, and yesterday morning engaged the services of Chief Long and officer Hess to ferret them out. The officers started immediately for Tarentum, where they found Gates and Bowman. Officer Hess took charge of what goods they had with them, amounting to about one hundred dollars worth, which he took to the Mayor's office. The accused stated that remainder of the goods, which had not been recovered by the police at the time of their former arrest, was stored in a house at Apollo, in Armstrong County. Chief Long went to Apollo and recovered about twelve hundred dollars worth more of the goods, which was also brought to the Allegheny Mayor's office. Gates and Bowman made out a bill of all the goods they bought from Mr. Chapman, and the latter refusing to prosecute them, they were discharged.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE DIFFICULTY.

The nine persons, charged with raising a disturbance in the School House at Jack's Run, on Friday, were brought up for a hearing yesterday morning, but the case was amicably settled.

HORSE AND BUGGY STOLEN.

Colonel Lehman made an information yesterday against a boy named John Shields, charging him with the larceny of a horse and buggy and a set of harness. Shields was in the employ of Colonel Lehman, in Ross township, and on Saturday morning was sent to the Allegheny Postoffice, with the horse and buggy for the mail. He failed to return on Saturday, and as he has not been seen or heard of since, it is supposed that he has stolen the horse and buggy. The horse is a bay, with a white blind foot and white mane, and white stripe down his face. The buggy was a top vehicle with a seat in the side. Thus far no trace of the stolen property have been discovered.

[Before Alderman Strain.]

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Daniel McQuade appeared yesterday and made an information against Dennis McCann, for aggravated assault and battery. McQuade owns a skiff, which he had moored in the Monongahela river, near the Point. On Sunday, McCann and some companions took possession of the skiff, and it is alleged, that when McQuade remonstrated with them, McCann attacked him and beat him unmercifully. The accused was arrested, and after a hearing was held to bail for his appearance at the present term of the Criminal Court for trial.

SELLING LIQUOR TO A CONFIRMED DRUNKARD

Mrs. Philomena Stark made an information charging J. H. Stenkle with selling liquor to a person of known intemperate habits. The defendant keeps a tavern at No. 30 Chestnut street, in the Fourth ward, Allegheny, and it is alleged that on Saturday last he sold or gave liquor to the husband of the prosecutrix, having previously been notified not to do so, and informed that said Stark was a man of intemperate habits. A warrant was issued for Stenkle's arrest. Mrs. Stark resides in Duquesne Borough.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Henry Thomas, bar-keeper at the Seelin House, in the Diamond, was charged with committing an assault and battery on Elisha Mitchell, on Saturday, by striking him several times, and kicking him when he was down. It appears that, without just cause or provocation, Thomas has not yet been arrested.

THE STEWARTSTOWN OUTRAGE CASE.

Philip Heist and James Stewart, charged with committing an indecent assault on Mrs. Sarah Smith, at Stewartstown, about two weeks since, had a final hearing yesterday, which resulted in the discharge of Stewart, and the holding of Heist for trial at the present term of Court.

[Before Alderman Gripp.]

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENSES.

Thomas Moore was arrested yesterday on a charge of false pretenses, preferred by Mrs. Barbara Richter. The prosecutrix formerly kept a tavern and eating house in the Fifth ward, and alleges that last summer Moore obtained from her refreshments at various times, amounting in all to twenty-one dollars and fifty cents, promising to pay the money in a few days, which he failed to do, and the amount still remains unpaid. He had a partial hearing, and was held for a further hearing this morning. Moore is employed at Metcalf's Glass House, in the Ninth ward, and Mr. Richter now resides at Wheeling, West Virginia.

TEARING DOWN A "NO-CAST."

Christian Kepler was charged with malicious mischief, on oath of Sebastian Smithbaur. The alleged offense consisted in Kepler having maliciously torn down a "To Let" card from the front of Smithbaur's house, on Ridgeway street, in the Eighth ward, on Saturday. The case was given three hundred dollars bail to appear for trial.

DISCHARGED FROM JAIL.

Luke Neen, who was committed to jail on the 28th of February by Alderman Donaldson, was discharged yesterday, the case having been settled.

HARDWARE STORE ROBBED.

The hardware and cutlery store of J. Kennedy & Bro., on Fifth street, was entered early on Sunday morning and upwards of two hundred dollars worth of goods carried off, principally revolvers. The robbers effected an entrance through a window in the rear of the store, the panels of the shutters being cut out.

DETECTIVE GOING AWAY.

Detective Thomas P. Jones, for a long time employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has severed his connection with that corporation, and will go to New York in a few days, where he will resume duty in the office of a private detective.

Pittsburgh Female College.

As another session of this splendid institution draws to a close next week, we are reminded more forcibly than ever of its grand success. From a night of debt and embarrassment, it has in a few years become nearly an endowed college without debt. Its vast accommodations are considerably taxed to meet applications from all parts of the country for scholarships, and its large faculty is about to be further augmented by new engagements of experienced teachers. When we see this high-toned college, honorably nominally a Methodist institution, yet crowded with pupils of all denominations from all sections, we feel a just pride that Pittsburgh possesses such a school for young ladies. It deserves the hopes and the confidence in a greater measure will be awarded to it. Certainly, if exertion will accomplish entire prosperity, the College has a brilliant future ahead. President Pershing is the most indefatigable man we have ever reported by the able Board of Trustees, will compass wonders in every department of the affairs of the institution.

On Thursday evening, 14th inst., the closing day of the session, the public are invited to see something rare in the way of an Essay contest by the members of the Senior Class. The contest, which from the ability of the competitors cannot but be of an elegant character, promises to be enhanced in interest from the fact that the following distinguished gentlemen will preside as judges on the occasion: Hon. J. P. Sterrett, President Judge of Court of Common Pleas, Hon. Henry W. Williams, Judge of District Court, and Rev. D. R. Kerr, D. D.

With this charming entertainment will close the most successful financial and educational year in the history of the College. After the lapse of a few days, on the 20th instant, the spring term commences, when the first days in short it behooves all who want places for their daughters or others under their care to apply in person or by letter with all dispatch to the President, Rev. I. C. Pershing, D. D. Catalogues, with information as to terms, &c., may be had on application to same source.

We earnestly affirm the Pittsburgh Female College to be second to none in the country for high moral tone and the facilities for thorough educational finish.

Third Lecture of Prof. Gunning's Course at East Liberty.

This evening, at the Presbyterian Church, in East Liberty, Prof. Gunning will deliver the third lecture of a most interesting series on Geology. The special subject this evening will be "Coal and Petroleum," a branch that has puzzled many wise heads in this region and elsewhere for some time. We are assured that these lectures so far, have been of a truly high standard, and while scientifically valuable, and of the art of the lecturer made easy of comprehension to all. Tickets, 25 cents, to be had at the door. Lecture to commence at half past seven.

DR. HUNTER'S third letter will be found in this morning's paper. The subject on which it treats—"Chronic Bronchitis"—is one of very great interest, inasmuch as this disease is exceedingly common in our climate, and is often mistaken for Consumption, which it is said to resemble very closely in some stages. Probably few persons, even though well informed on most matters, have any very clear idea as to what is meant by the term *Bronchitis*. Dr. Hunter's letter gives them this information in an easy colloquial style. We cannot doubt that it will be read and appreciated as it deserves by the more intelligent portion of our readers.

LOCAL RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

PROSPECT MISSION SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The Missionary Anniversary of the Prospect Mission Sabbath School, connected with the Christ Methodist Episcopal Church, was held on Sunday afternoon at the Church building, on the corner of Elm street and Basin alley, in the Sixth ward. The attendance was very large, and a happy time was spent by those present. Instructive and pleasing addresses were delivered by Rev. A. L. Long, Missionary to Bulgaria; Rev. E. B. Snyder, the retiring pastor of Christ M. E. Church, and Rev. S. P. Wolff, presiding Elder of this District. The exercises were interspersed with singing, in beautiful style, by the children, of "Marching Along," "Good Tidings," "A Cry from Macedonia" and "Beautiful River." A collection for Missionary purposes was then taken up which amounted to three hundred dollars. The money collected was devoted to constituting Robert E. Sellers, Esq., and S. M. Kier, Esq., Life Directors of the Parent Missionary Society—one hundred and fifty dollars each. At the close of the exercises, P. H. Hunter, Esq., read the various reports. The doxology was then sung, and the assemblage was dismissed with benediction by Rev. Dr. Pershing.

The present officers of the school are as follows: Superintendent, W. W. Wallace; Assistant Superintendent, Florence Kramer; Treasurer, P. H. Hunker; Secretary, John Fullerton; Librarian, Thomas Marshall.

This Mission Church is located near Prospect street, and is doing a noble work. The school numbers 130 scholars, and 21 officers and teachers. The library consists of over 300 volumes. Recently an Infant Department was organized, and it is proposed to build a chapel in addition to the present structure to accommodate this arm of the school, and for a teacher's Bible Class or Normal Department. The officers and teachers are worthy of commendation for the good they are doing.

THE METHODIST LOVE FEAST.

The Union Methodist Love Feast, held in the Second Methodist Church, on Wylie street, on Sunday afternoon, was largely attended, and proved to be one of the most interesting occasions since the union of the non-Episcopal Methodist Church in these cities was consummated. The services were introduced by Rev. V. Lucas, pastor of the First Church, Allegheny, and Rev. George Brown D. D. One of the founders of the M. P. Church was also present, as well as many of the city pastors of the denomination. It was a time of enthusiastic demonstrations, the songs of praise and shouts of joy being loud and general throughout the hour. The pastor of the Second Church, Rev. J. B. Graham, is meeting well in his work, and with all his people rejoices in the union of churches.

There are now nine or ten regular charges of this denomination in Pittsburgh and vicinity, (nearly one half as many as there are of the Methodist Episcopal denomination in the same area,) with a church property, preachers' aid funds, &c., valued at $300,000. Three of these Wylie street churches have a membership of over one hundred each, and fortunately it is everywhere procurable. If you wish to "fool" with the cyspepsia, try the pharmacopoeia prescriptions. If you want to root it out and prevent its return, use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in preference to the testimony in its favor. If there is a man or woman who has ever tried it for indigestion without being benefited, the fact has not been divulged. Universal, unsolicited praise avouches its wonderful tonic virtues.

TEMPERANCE RALLY IN ALLEGHENY TO-NIGHT.—The second anniversary of the organization of the Allegheny Temperance League will be observed this evening by a mass meeting of the friends of temperance, in the Sandusky Street Baptist Church. Addresses are expected from Rev. A. K. Bell, Thomas Steel, Esq., Rev. Dr. Douglas, Colonel Clark and others. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all the friends of temperance.

MARRIED:

CAROTHERS—SEARS—On Thursday evening, February 14, 1867, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Theodoli Mills, Mr. H. H. CAROTHERS, of Pittsburgh, to Miss GENEVRA L. SEARS, of Randolph, Portage county, Ohio.

DIED:

KIRKPATRICK—On Monday, March 4th, MARY KIRKPATRICK, aged forty-nine years.

Funeral from the residence of her brother-in-law, Robert Bole, No. 80 Washington street, Allegheny, on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

MONDAY EVENING, March 4, 1867.

There appeared to be a better tone of feeling among business circles to-day, induced no doubt by the passage of so many important measures by Congress during the few closing hours of the session. A more assured impression is made that the policy of the country is settled for some time to come on questions which, until now, were constantly agitating the public mind and unsettling commercial values. All that is lacking to impart a full tide of prosperity to our community, is a tariff that will afford our manufacturers a fair field of competition with the foreign producer. It is true the wool interest has been very graciously favored, but the great iron interest is left out in the cold. Should the new Congress take up the tariff bill where it was left, there will soon be no possibility of its passage.

†The gold premium was not quite so strong to-day. It is thought that the disbursement of the semi-annual interest on the Ten-forty bonds which commenced on Saturday was throwing considerable amounts of cash gold on the market, which has tended to weaken it slightly. The New York quotations from the Stock Boards show a decline in Railways and some of the Mining stocks:

Gold	138½
U. S. Bonds, 1881	110½
U. S. Bond, 5-20's, 1862	110½
U. S. Bonds, 5-20's, 1865	109½
U. S. Bonds, 5-20's, 1865, new	109½
U. S. Bonds, 5-20's, 1865	108½
Michigan Southern	73¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	87¾
P., F. Wayne & Chicago	97
Erie	56¾
Chicago & Rock Island	96¾
Chicago & North Western	36¾
Chicago & North-western preferred	64½
New York Central	102¾

MINING STOCKS.

Gregory	12¾
Rocky Mount	1¾
Quartz Hill	4¾
Hope	5¾
Imperial	3¾
Hollan	1½
Scott & Parnell	90¾
Pacific	6¼
Dow Mountain	2¾
Sycamore Fork	1¾

—The following statement exhibits the business of the Pittsburgh Clearing House for the week closing on Saturday, March 24:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
February 25	$ 4,345,289 89	$ 678,960 59
February 26	3,921,967 04	611,824 31
February 27	3,537,463 11	619,000 35
February 28	3,966,772 53	664,000 00
March 1	3,966,772 53	664,000 00
March 2	3,966,397 58	677,541 64
Total	$23,079,992 98	$3,980,453 89

—The New York *Herald* in noticing the many startling defalcations by men in high positions in banks, says: "The failure of the First National Bank of Hudson, owing to a misappropriation of its funds by the cashier, has quickly succeeded that of the National Bank of Medina, and in addition, the cashier of the First National Bank of Newton, Mass., has converted to his own use $110,000. Further we learn that State street, Boston, was in a ferment this morning owing to the disclosure of irregularities on the part of the cashier of the State Bank of that city, involving the certification of the checks of a firm of stock brokers to the extent of a million. The amount of half a million. The bank directors repudiate the action of their cashier, and the question is, who is to pay the checks. All this goes to show that much looseness and dishonesty prevail in the management of the affairs of banks of the country, and public confidence cannot fail to be somewhat shaken in them by such a batch of delinquencies occurring almost simultaneously. The Comptroller of the Currency should take charge of the affairs of these institutions which have failed, and the examination into the affairs of national banks authorized by the currency act should be conducted more thoroughly and less leniently in the practice. Bank directors should also perform their duties with more thoroughness, and after being careful in their selection of cashiers be equally careful in their supervision of the agent to enable them to live respectably and check their accounts often enough to make defalcations next to impossible."

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, }
TUESDAY, March 5, 1867. }

We have nothing new, or special, to report in regard to the markets here. There was a fair business doing in many branches of trade. The demand for family groceries was quite active, and prices of Provisions are active. Iron has a dull sale. Dry Goods are beginning to move. There is but little doing in wheat. The butter market is large, generally stocked with the common grades, and prices for such are nominally unchanged. From our latest exchanges we reproduce the following:

BOSTON.

FLOUR—The market is a little more active, especially for the Jobbing trade, and is a better feeling among both buyers and sellers. The receipts continue moderate, and foot up 24,854 bbls for the week. A large portion of this amount, however, is for export. Sales of Western and State are reported at $9 @ $9 75 for superfine; $10 @ $11 25 for extra; $11 50 @ $12 25 for medium extra and choice baker's do; and $12 50 @ $15 for fancy brands. Sales of Canada flour at $9 @ $12 50 for superfine to choice extra. Sales of St. Louis medium and good at $9 @ $11; choice do and fancy brands do. @ $13 for the latter. Sales of Southern flour at $9 @ $15 for superfine to choice extra. The quiet for the better grades, which are relatively dull and depressed, is owing to the high prices and limited consumption. The small sizes are selling freely, and the jobbing trade is moderately active. The Congress Bank failure is now at its height. Both the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank, and the Bank of Commerce, have suspended, and the Bank of Commerce is not expected to resume. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 surplus, and $2,000,000 deposits. The Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The Bank of Commerce has $1,000,000 capital, and $1,000,000 deposits. The B